

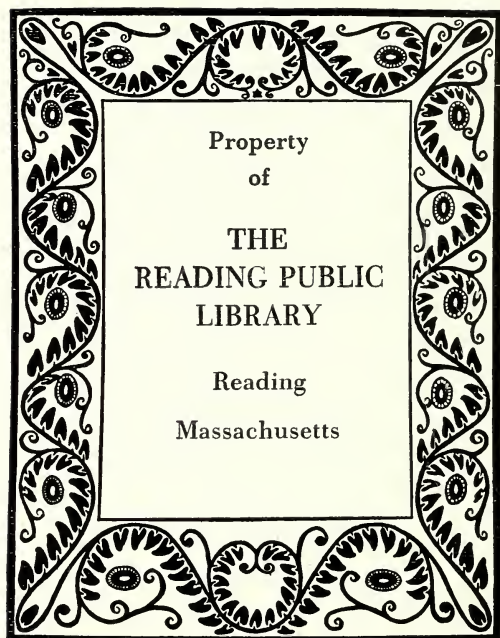
Town of
READING

Massachusetts



ANNUAL REPORT

1973



Property
of

THE
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Town of
READING
MASSACHUSETTS



Annual Report

Of The Town Officers

For The Year Ended December

1973

READING PUBLIC LIBRARY
READING, MASSACHUSETTS

STATISTICS

Area, 10 square miles

Population, Census of 1970 — 22,534

Number of residents according to 1973 Town Census — 23,592

Registered Voters: Precinct 1 — 3,289

Precinct 2 — 3,100

Precinct 3 — 2,551

Precinct 4 — 3,345

Total Registered Voters — 12,285

Federal:

Seventh Congressional District

Torbett H. MacDonald

Senators:

Edward M. Kennedy

Edward W. Brooke

State:

Fifth Councillor District

Thomas J. Lane

Third Essex Senatorial District

William L. Saltonstall

Twenty-first Middlesex Representative District

Nils L. Nordberg, Reading

Daniel C. Towse, Stoneham

Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex, Woburn

TOWN OFFICERS

1973

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Fred C. Kenney, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires	1974
Edward P. Cameron, Secretary	" "	1975
Robert S. Cummings	" "	1976

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

John W. Agnew, Jr.

TREASURER

James N. Boyd, Jr.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Richard E. Gould

TOWN COLLECTOR

C. Dewey Smith

MODERATOR

Kenneth C. Latham

TOWN CLERK

Lawrence Drew

TOWN COUNSEL

Tyler & Reynolds

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

William E. Locke, Chairman	Term Expires	1976
Michael T. Sullivan, Secretary	" "	1974
Robert I. Nordstrand	" "	1975

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Joseph P. Riemer, Chairman	Term Expires	1975
Pearl E. Malphrus	" "	1974
Daniel F. Driscoll, Jr.	" "	1976

BOARD OF APPEAL

John A. Anderson, Chairman	Term Expires	1974
John B. Tewksbury, Secretary	" "	1976
Thomas C. Chase	" "	1975

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF APPEAL

Elizabeth M. Kay	Term Expires	1975
William H. Watt	" "	1976

PLANNING BOARD

Andrew B. White, Chairman	Term Expires	1974
William E. Clark, Secretary	" "	1975
Melvin E. Jones	" "	1976
John P. Collins, Jr.	" "	1976
Carroll E. Ayers	" "	1974

PERSONNEL BOARD

James J. Fandel, Chairman	Term Expires	1975
David F. Ham	" "	1976
*Joseph H. Picano		
John C. Newman	" "	1976
David W. Kruger	" "	1976
#Leo R. Campbell		

FINANCE COMMITTEE

*James J. Sullivan, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires	1976
Elizabeth Klepeis, Vice-Chairman	" "	1975
Ralph Dangelmair	" "	1976
Donald W. Davidson	" "	1974
Alfred T. Doughty	" "	1975
Richard C. Evans	" "	1976
Harry M. Johnson, Jr.	" "	1974

*Resigned

#Appointed to fill vacancy

Bayard R. Lincoln	"	"	1975
*Kenneth W. Magoon	"	"	1976
Paul A. Miller	"	"	1976
Richard J. Ogden	"	"	1974
Arthur E. O'Brien	"	"	1974
*Joseph H. Picano	"	"	1975
John W. Price	"	"	1975
George M. Sanford	"	"	1974
#James J. Fandel	"	"	1975

BOARD OF HEALTH

Robert W. Wakeling, D.O., Chairman	Term Expires	1976
Mary Polychrones, Secretary	"	1975
Thomas J. Dowd, M.D.	"	1974

DIRECTOR VETERANS' SERVICES — VETERANS' BENEFITS AGENT

*Donald T. Taylor

#Russell F. Winam

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Frank A. Smith, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires	1976
Nancy E. Elgart	"	1974
W. Bruce MacDonald	"	1975
Robert A. Muir	"	1974
Kenneth P. Roberts	"	1975
Louis H. Martinage	"	1976

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Robert S. Wells

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Robert W. Wakeling, D.O.

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

John B. Pacino	Term Expires	1977
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*Resigned

#Appointed to fill vacancy

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Robert J. Fields, Chairman	Term Expires	1975
Barbara E. Winkler, Secretary	" "	1976
William H. Diamond	" "	1974
Alfred R. Johnson	" "	1974
Edward F. Fuller, Jr.	" "	1976
George M. Richards	" "	1975

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Lawrence R. Blood, Chairman	Term Expires	1975
Nathan C. White, Secretary	" "	1974
Malcolm E. Reed	" "	1975
John H. Russell	" "	1976
Paul C. Dustin	" "	1976

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Paul C. Nicholas, Chairman	Term Expires	1974
John H. Crooker, Secretary	" "	1975
William H. Parker	" "	1976

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Edouard N. Dubé, Chairman	Term Expires	1975
Clifford P. Wadman, Secretary	" "	1975
Harold F. Davis	" "	1974
Charles E. Ellis, Jr.	" "	1976
Herbert F. Gent, Jr.	" "	1974
Stanley F. Maxwell	" "	1976

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Russell H. Stone, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires	1975
Donald I. Pierce, Secretary	" "	1976
Steven A. Rhodes	" "	1976
Duane B. Heineck	" "	1974
Nancy Hollingsworth	" "	1976
John Morabito	" "	1975
Nancy E. Elgart		
Paul C. Dustin		

*Resigned

#Appointed to fill vacancy

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Philip R. White, Jr., Chairman	Term Expires	1975
Edouard N. Dubé	" "	1978
*Gilbert M. Lothrop	" "	1974
Nathalie C. Beaton	" "	1976
Charles Stratton (State Appointed)	" "	1976
Janet Pierce, Executive Director		
#Gary B. Walker		

SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

Irving E. Dickey, Jr.

TREE WARDEN

Irving E. Dickey, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Joyal C. Jaques

WIRE INSPECTOR

Blanchard K. Stoddart

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

William R. Harrison

GAS INSPECTOR

William R. Harrison

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Robert M. Graham

DOG OFFICER

Ralph C. Marden, Jr.

*Resigned

#Appointed to fill vacancy

INSPECTOR OF MILK AND FOODS

James J. Nugent, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Gardiner A. Lester, D.V.M.

CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Harold F. Davis

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Forest T. Benton

CONSTABLES

Robert M. Graham

Sally M. Hoyt

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

George R. Larson, Chairman

John F. Tormey

Richard E. Gould, Secretary

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer, and Chairman of Finance Committee

LAW COMMITTEE

Consists of Chairman of the following Boards:

Board of Selectmen

Planning Board

Board of Public Works

Board of Assessors

Board of Cemetery Trustees

School Committee

Board of Health

Municipal Light Board

Board of Library Trustees

COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

George R. Larson, Chairman	Term Expires	1979
*Joseph B. Iverson	" "	1975
Donald C. McKie	" "	1977
Town Treasurer and Chairman Board of Selectmen Members Ex-Officio		
#William K. Weidman		

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

John M. Celehar	Term Expires	1958
Edward J. Coppinger	" "	1975
Melvin E. Jones (from Planning Board)		

COMMITTEE ON TOWN FORESTS

Benjamin E. Nichols, Chairman	Term Expires	1974
*James S. Perry	" "	1976
Irving E. Dickey, Jr.	" "	1975
#George B. Perry		

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Nancy W. Anderson, Chairman	Term Expires	1975
James R. Boucher	" "	1974
John D. Louanis	" "	1975
Ruth E. Johnson	" "	1976
George Cochrane, 3rd	" "	1976
Henry W. Fienemann	" "	1976
James E. Klepeis	" "	1974

COMMITTEE ON ELM TREE PROTECTION

Irving E. Dickey, Jr.	Charles Stratton
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MEASURES OF LUMBER

Harold B. Currell	Irving E. Dickey, Jr.
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MEASURES OF WOOD AND BARK

Harold B. Currell	Irving E. Dickey, Jr.
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#Appointed to fill vacancy

*Resigned

FIELD DRIVERS

Norman B. Small, Jr.

Ronald A. Winslow

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Gordon Berry
Kenneth Hall
Dennis Trainor
Carl Sias
Donald O'Shea

George Hayes
Jeffrey Buchanan
Ronald Liss
Albert K. Guglielmi
William Knight

William Capps
Edwin R. Chapman

Kathleen Joyce
Diane M. Joyce

REPRESENTATIVE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

Melvin E. Jones

Term Expires 1976

POLICE DEPARTMENT ROSTER CHIEF

John F. Beaudoin

LIEUTENANTS

William H. Faulkner

Edward M. Hubbard

John L. Power

SERGEANTS

Fred Granelli

Bernard J. Paiva

Robert E. Marchand

SERGEANT-DETECTIVE

Edward W. Marchand

PATROLMAN-DETECTIVES

Herbert E. Robson

Richard L. Nelson

Leo S. Iacopucci

SAFETY OFFICER

Joseph W. Cormier

PATROLMEN

George A. LeFave

Herbert G. Perry

Robert A. Castine

William F. Keefe

Leonard P. Hoyt

David E. Saunders

Gerald F. Hoyt

Paul K. Sheridan

Michael S. Conchiglia

Dennis T. Farrell

Robert J. Silva

Henry F. Rich

John A. Bilicki

Evan P. Edwards

Raymond J. Doucette

Herbert N. McSheehy

Richard L. Wood

William E. Arakelian

John Green

William A. Pacunas

Paul G. Peoples

Paul A. Vallee

Joseph R. Veno

Chester M. Thurston

Murray C. Airhart

CLERK

Barbara B. Adams

POLICE WOMAN

Marie A. Cormier

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER CHIEF

Donald C. Mitchell

DEPUTY CHIEFS

Robert W. Pratt

Victor H. Call

CAPTAIN

Robert W. Shannon

LIEUTENANTS

#Elmer A. Dykens
Leslie L. Hadley
Harvey J. Racine
Robert H. Thomas

Theodore W. Turner, Jr.
Leonard J. Redfern
Russell E. Carter
*Arthur W. Steele

FIRE FIGHTERS

Richard D. Brown
Gerald W. Humphrey
Nelson F. Andrews
Ronald D. Michelini
Frederick E. Livingstone
Donald L. Michelini
George L. Turner
Ernest G. Babcock, Jr.
Richard E. Van Horn
Wilfred E. Beaudreau, Jr.
Daniel J. Doran
Willard F. Nichols
Peter R. Vincent
Malcolm W. Hubbard
#John C. Doucette
Donald V. Jackson
Robert P. O'Brien
Joseph T. Hinds, Jr.
Verlon Curtis
Joseph Cummings III
James W. Sharkey
Thomas W. Lyle
Anthony J. Gentile

Paul D. Murphy
Alan B. McMahon
William F. Campbell III
James A. Stevenson
John F. Beaudoin, Jr.
Roger C. Quimby
Arthur H. Vars
Stephen A. Ballou
Philip G. Dole
George E. Cress
James D. Freda
Steven M. Granelli
Donald L. Wood
Robert J. Campbell
*Stephen M. Shea
*Kenneth N. Campbell, Jr.
*Edward Roy Tribble
*David C. Bishop
*John A. Faulkner
*John T. Kucinski
*Gordon E. Sargent
*Donald E. Stead
*John T. Mooney

CLERK

Ruth K. Murray

MECHANIC

Albert A. Tarpin

SUPT. OF FIRE ALARM

Donald C. Mitchell

*Resigned

#Appointed to fill vacancy

FOREST WARDEN

Donald C. Mitchell

DEPUTY FOREST WARDENS

Deputy Chief, Robert W. Pratt

Irving E. Dickey, Jr.

Deputy Chief, Victor H. Cail

Benjamin E. Nichols

Captain, Robert W. Shannon

Lieutenant, Robert H. Thomas

George B. Perry III

*Appointed to Fill Vacancy

#Retired

TOWN OF READING **List of Jurors for 1973-1974**

<i>NAME</i>	<i>RESIDENCE</i>	<i>BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION</i>
Adams, Dorothy M.	44 Spring Street	Waitress
Alworth, William	16 Gardner Road	Shipper
Arnone, Philip A.	37 Canterbury Drive	Foreman
Athanas, Arthur L.	665 Pearl Street	Mail Messenger
Bailey, Richard A.	5 Lakeview Ave., Apt. 3	Laboratory Technologist
Barker, Roger D.	264 Ash Street	Service Manager
Bartolomeo, Robert	139 Washington St. Apt. 15	Accountant
Batchelder, Robert M.	20 Lawrence Road	Automobile Mechanic
Beckett, Ruth D.	35 Tamarack Road	Secretary
Benard, Denis	33 John Street	Truck Driver
Bennett, Elmer H.	46 Ash Street	Unemployed
Bernat, Edward J.	183 High Street	Plant Engineer
Berry, David K.	107 County Road	Office Manager
Berry, Richard M.	65 Martin Road	Manager of Data Processing
Bishop, Stephen	57 Wakefield Street	Project Manager and Consulting Engineer
Bocker, Ralyn M.	40 Deborah Drive	Plant Manager
Bonfanti, Leo	15 Lakeview Avenue	Publisher
Bordieri, Paul A.	376 West Street	Manager
Boyd, Kenneth W.	8 Crosby Road	Paper Cutter
Brady, Stephen V.	92 Lowell Street	Repairman
Braica, Philip A.	24 Highland Street	Physicist
Brugelmann, Louis A.	357 South Street	Retired
Brophy, James F.	163 Van Norden Road	Product Manager
Brown, Elizabeth M.	309 Haven Street	Housewife
Brown, Marjorie L.	81 Vine Street	Social Worker
Buckley, Mildred A.	25 Selfridge Road	Secretary
Buckley, Thomas H.	29 Colburn Road	Purchasing Manager
Budka, Richard A.	3 North Street	Warehouse Manager
Burke, Edward F.	15 Holly Road	Principal Engineer
Burke, Sharyn A.	6 Summit Drive, Apt. 64	Executive Secretary

Burns, Eleanor C.	89 Washington St.	Housewife
Buzderewicz, Shirley A.	244 Franklin St.	Note Teller
Cacciola, Frank J.	93 Libby Avenue	Die Press Operator
Callahan, Walter L.	22 Deborah Drive	Supervisor
Caratelli, Franando G.	284 Lowell Street	Electrician
Carley, John W.	12 Ash Hill Road	Director of Procurement
Carlson, Robert	26 Alden Circle	Sales
Casco, Louis E., Jr.	14 Winthrop Ave.	Maintenance Mech.
Cavanaugh, Donald R.	184 Green Street	Machinist
Celeste, Anthony C.	127 County Road	Deputy Regional Director
Chesley, Richard B., Jr.	10 Vista Avenue	Jewelry Mechanic
Clements, Henry W.	17 Landers Road	General Traffic Manager
Coffill, Donald E.	31 Park Avenue	Wholesale Route Salesman
Colby, Nancy	15 Puritan Road	Partner - Delicatessen & Sub Shop
Connors, Edith H.	109 Charles St.	Personnel Services Clerk
Cornet, Paul L.	93 Dana Road	Manager
Costello, Robert A.	582 Summer Avenue	Salesman
Crittendon, Winona J.	47A Highland St.	Laundramat Attendant
Cummings, Agnes A.	26 Barbara Lane	Hairdresser
Curran, Joanne M.	2 H. Street	Clerk
Curran, Robert W.	2 H. Street	Painter
Cutelis, Charles	23 Dustin Road	Insurance Salesman
Dade, Douglas B.	3 Priscilla Road	Mechanic
D'Agostino, James V.	21 Hopkins Street	Insurance Underwriter
Darcy, Edward J.	32 Intervale Terrace	District Switching Systems Manager
Davis, John P.	10 Edgemont Ave.	Systems Analyst
Davis, William E.	57 Village St.	Maint. Mechanic
Dawson, Carl	192 Salem Street	Lead Maint. Mechanic
Day, Georgia	64 Berkeley St.	Housewife
Dearborn, Robert N.	22 Scotland Road	Assistant Treasurer
Demenkow, Joseph J., Jr.	163 Green Street	Engineering Technician
Dempsey, John M.	34 Glenmere Circle	Clerk
Dempsey, Joseph S.	97 Lowell Street	Telephone Repairman
DePatie, Ronald E., Jr.	629 Pearl Street	Student
DeSanto, Maurice	159 Pine Ridge Road	Field Designer
Devaney, Lawrence H.	151 Woburn St.	Retired
Donahue, John J., Jr.	215 Pearl Street	Warehouse Supervisor
Donle, Bruce K.	19 Sanborn Street	Auto Claims Adjuster

Dragone, William M.	21 Keith Road	Programmer/Analyst
Dyer, William J.	301 Ash Street	Engineer
Eckerson, Bruce N.	7 Lakeview Ave., Apt. 4	Telephone Installer
Emanuelson, Roy M.	17 Whitehall Lane	Engineer
Epstein, Alan H.	6056 Summer Avenue	Staff Scientist
Erhardt, Josephine M.	375 West Street	Clerk - Stenographer
Estabrook, Mary C.	62 Temple Street	Reference Librarian
Falabella, Jean M.	370 West Street	Packer of Medical Supplies
Fall, Carl P.	29 Wilson Street	Financial Administrator
Feener, Gordon E.	626 Haverhill St.	Cable Splicer
Finn, Daniel J.	357 West St.	Sales Operations Manager
Flaherty, Elaine M.	138 Washington St.	Note Teller
Flaherty, Joseph A.	10 Shelby Road	Electrician
Fletcher, Edna M.	6 Virginia Road	Tax Examiner - Unemployed
Fontaine, Alice B.	89 Grand Street	Store Owner
Franzosa, Patrick J.	435 Summer Avenue	Installer-Repairman
Gallella, Francis V.	104 Ash Street	Janitor
Galluzzo, Peter J.	108 Oak Street	Forklift Operator and Truck Driver
Gaudette, Richard S.	42 Chute Street	Chemical Engineer
Geary, William S.	24 Minot Street	Painter
Gifford, Edward L.	2 Hampshire Road	Production Manager
Gilligan, Robert D.	30 Bancroft Avenue	Pipefitter
Given, Robert J., Jr.	127 Belmont Street	Supervisor, Cost Accounting
Glennon, Carol A.	5 Elm Street	Cashier
Glennon, William R.	938 Main Street	Journeyman Electrician
Golden, Frank J.	14 School Street	Plant Man
Goodhue, David M.	10 Kensington Ave.	Sales Manager
Gould, Harry V., Jr.	15 Fremont St.	Fire Insurance Appraiser
Graham, Gordon J.	26 Holly Road	Engineer
Graupner, Jean E.	35 Harrison St.	Housewife
Guide, Thomas J., Jr.	14 Rustic Lane	Car Dealer - Unemployed
Gustafson, Gladys V.	12 Margaret Road	Telephone Operator
Haley, Edward W.	82 Mineral Street	Machinist
Hall, William H.	99 Beacon Street	Contractor
Hallinan, Paul F.	56 Pearl Street	Retired
Harkins, James F., Jr.	81 Belmont St.	Unemployed

Harrington, Vincent J.	85 Middlesex Ave.	Wholesale Milk Driver - Unemployed
Harrison, David B.	17 Dunbar Road	Grocery Supervisor
Herrick, Charles B.	85 Vine Street	Thin Film Technician
Hersey, Carol Ann	139 Washington St.	Gemologist
Hiltz, Russell M.	203 Washington St.	Truck Driver
Holden, Robert E.	253 Haven Street	Carpenter
Hopkins, Chester I., Jr.	16 A Street	Truck Driver
Hughes, Joseph W.	48 Sherwood Road	Manager
Hult, Arnold C.	178 Haverhill St.	Retired
Hurt, Newell P.	241 Main Street	District Manager
Hutt, Henrietta B.	31 Grove Street	Bookkeeper
Imhoff, Anne M.	39 Line Road	Publishing
Isbell, Earl D.	32 Park Avenue	Buyer
Jackson, Margery H.	368 Franklin St.	Housewife
Jangro, Donald G.	43 Bond Street	Engineer Technician
Jeddey, Joseph A.	18 Arlington St.	Quality Control
Jewett, Philip L.	23 George St.	Carpenter
Johns, Kenneth H.	30 Village St.	Machinist
Jones, Fred E.	31 Baker Road	Technical Manager
Jones, Warren A.	7 Marla Lane	Coordinator
Jordan, Raymond A.	62 Locust St.	Proofreader
Kaper, Jerome J.	5 Pitman Drive	Technician
Kaplan, Samuel	30 Pierce Street	Truck Driver - Salesman
Kay, John R.	50 Grand Street	Retired
Kelleher, James E.	26 John Street	Sales Promotion Manager
Kellett, Walter G.	16 Hunt Street	Retired
Kelly, Michael R.	66 Hopkins Street	Equipment Installer
Kimball, Harvey R.	98 Spruce Road	Sales Manager
King, Ralph E.	23 Elliott Street	Postal Worker
LaFave, Robert M.	7 Beverly Road	Hearing Aid Engineer
LaLiberte, Joseph H.	245 Pearl Street	Social Worker
Lamborghini, L. Andrew	51 Middlesex Avenue	Engineer
Langley, Gilbert E.	72 Grand Street	Bank Teller
Laschi, Joanne	156 Main Street	Hairstylist
Lawlor, Robert F.	88 Sturges Road	Production Controller
Lazzara, Paul A.	73 Rustic Lane	Salesman

LeDoux, George A.	538 Pearl Street	Pianist
Leslie, George A., Jr.	202 Pearl Street	Journeyman Ironworker
Livingston, Kenneth J.	59 Howard Street	Buyer
Locke, Lloyd W., III	236 Walnut Street	Service Tech.
Logan, Fred H.	148 Howard St.	Sales Representative
Long, Albert	9 Van Norden Road	P.O. Clerk
Loschi, Doris M.	445 Lowell Street	Bankteller
MacBrien, Richard E.	213 Forest Street	School Crossing Guard
MacKilligan, Howard J.	526 Franklin Street	Banker
MacLean, Alexander J.	6053 Summer Ave., Apt. 28	Supervisor
Maloof, Doris M.	34 Springvale Road	Secretary
Marchetti, John L.	39 Mill Street	Sales Representative
McGaffigan, Ruth A.	74 Wakefield St.	Key Punch Operator
Mooney, James T.	14 James Road	Chemist
Mullen, Francis H.	424 South Street	Foreman
Murray, John E.	9 A Street	Accountant
Marshall, David F.	71 Pine Ridge Road	Development Engineer
Mattogno, Mary	88 Timberneck Drive	Housewife
Maxwell, Richard J.	161 Grove Street	Automobile Mechanic
McDermott, Francis M.	601 Haverhill Street	Shipping Clerk
McNeil, Vincent G.	329 Ash Street	Electronic Component Eng.
Meuse, Alice K.	97 Highland Street	Housewife
Milne, Myrtle A.	10 Colburn Road	Manager
Morrison, Virginia I.	34 Canterbury Drive	Homemaker
Muse, Thomas W.	142 Wakefield Street	Carpenter
Nestor, Peter E.	11 Selfridge Road	Postal Clerk
Nichols, Dorothy E.	21 Milton Road	Legal Secretary
Nitzsche, Curt E.	42 Bay State Road	Electrical Engineer
Norton, Eugene J.	1 Whittier Road	Insurance Underwriter
Nunziato, Norma L.	45 Edgemont Avenue	Hairdresser
O'Brien, Robert E.	71 Locust Street	Letter Carrier
O'Connor, Richard P.	37 Lewis Street	Supervisor
O'Neil, Ronald J.	13 Tennyson Road	Telephone Installer & Repairman
Ormsby, Harold C., Jr.	45 Hancock Street	Electrical Engineer
Orton, Sidney F.	10 Lawrence Road	Meat Cutter
Ouellette, Kathleen M.	237 Ash Street	Clerical Assistant
Pack, John G.	18 Gleason Road	Chemist
Parker, Lucile H.	30 Vale Road	Housewife

Patterson, John M.	35 Prospect St.	Vice President
Pensavalli, Domenic	34 Audubon Road	Buyer of Scrap Metal
Perham, Dorothy A.	7 Whittier Rd.	Senior Secretary
Perkins, Lloyd	55 Putnam Road	Superintendent
Perry, Florence M.	43 John Carver Rd.	Secretary-Bookkeeper
Peters, Reginald T.	62 Bay State Road	Building Superintendent
Peterson, Phillip J.	263 Woburn Street	Insurance Agent
Pettipaw, Robert F.	8 Kingston Street	Musician
Pierce, Stanley B.	9 Longfellow Road	Staff Manager
Pinkham, Bette M.	147 High Street	Secretary
Pooch, Frank N.	54 Federal Street	Supervisor
Potter, Thomas E.	62 Tennyson Road	Union Carpenter
Priebe, Richard G.	9 Dividence Road	Director of Marketing
Quilty, Joseph M.	2 Winthrop Avenue	Ironworker Foreman
Quinlan, John J., Jr.	38 Bear Hill Road	Purchasing Agent
Racine, Raymond J.	9 Percy Avenue	Sign Painter
Ravesi, Bernard A.	7 Bradford Road	Auditor
Rawding, Linda D.	273 Grove Street	Bus Driver
Regan, Verna M.	30 Selfridge Road	Administrative Secretary
Rezendes, John J.	19 Garrett Road	Operations Manager
Richards, William F.	364 Main Street	Wardman
Rickley, Anthony L.	95 Timberneck Drive	Electrical Engineer
Rishton, Michael L.	37 Covey Hill Road	Program Manager
Ronayne, John J.	31 Willow Street	Unemployed
Roop, Wayne A.	22 Echo Avenue	Glazier
Rotondi, Lillian A.	27 West Hill Circle	Secretary
Russell, Jean C.	250 Summer Avenue	Clerk
Russell, John H.	91 Spruce Road	Project Engineer
Salt, David D.	625 Main Street	Field Supt.
Scott, Eugene A.	32 Vine Street	Auto Mechanic
Seavey, Herman	21 Sherwood Road	Investment Analyst
Serrentino, Vincent	34 Charles Street	Supervisor of Custodians
Shaw, Edna M.	128 Prospect Street	Housewife
Shiebler, Frank J.	237 Main Street	Truck Driver
Sims, Clifford R.	68 Arcadia Avenue	Carpenter (Retired)
Singleton, James E.	49 Locust Street	Executive Director
Smith, Kenneth B.	292 West Street	Painter
Smith, Leander P.	193 High Street	Machinist
Sorenson, Walter F.	44 Pennsylvania Avenue	District Manager
Stanley, Sandra M.	32 John Street	Telex Operator

Steele, Robert P.	107 Grove Street	Plant Manager
Stiles, Anne M.	42 Ash Hill Road	Bank Teller
Stires, Julian G.	5 Grand Street	Sales Manager
Surette, Denis C.	32 Prescott Street	Plasterer
Surette, Richard J.	1480 Main Street	Carpenter
Swanson, Harold W.	29 Juniper Circle	Plant Engineer
Talbot, William M., Jr.	21 Village Street	Machinist
Taylor, Geraldine M.	2 Gilmore Avenue	Cashier
Thomson, George P.	11 Winter Street	Pipe Fitter
Tompkins, Milton B.	11 Chestnut Road	Machinist
Twombly, Leroy W.	140 Willow Street	Trainmaster
Ulrich, Ann M.	363 West Street	Engineer
Vitagliano, Albert H.	43 Belmont Street	Letter Carrier
Vitale, Teresa M.	25 South Street	Tax Examiner
Vivace, Carl F.	65 Charles Street	Unemployed
Vultaggio, Mario S., Jr.	9 Cumberland Road	Hairdresser
Wagner, Paul M., Jr.	605 Summer Avenue, Apt. 61	Treas. and General Manager
Wakefield, Leslie M.	3 Lakeview Avenue	Editorial Secretary
Wallace, Fred P.	83 Highland Street	Heavy Equipment Operator
Walsh, Norma D.	1 High Street	Payroll Supervisor
Welch, Norman E.	19 Sandra Lane	Administrator
Weston, Ronald P.	63 Blueberry Lane	Manager
White, Loring C.	26 Boswell Road	Electronics Engineer
White, Robert J.	237 Main St., Apt. A-6	Business Manager
Whitney, Roger G.	15 Village Street	Maintenance Mechanic
Williams, Richard E., Jr.	74 Red Gate Lane	Student
Yirrell, Patricia A.	62 Martin Road	At home
York, Leslie H.	16 Lothrop Road	Sales Manager

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

During the period of January 1, 1973, to December 31, 1973, the following Vital Statistics were recorded in this office:

Births	211
Deaths	141
Marriages	286

Also, during this period a total of 2,159 dog licenses were issued as follows:

Male Dogs	1,004
Spayed Female Dogs	942
Female Dogs	205
Kennels	8
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	2,159

A total of 645 Fish and Game Licenses were issued during the year 1973.

A total of \$17,120.18 in receipts were collected and turned over to the Town during this time period, a substantial increase over previous years.

This year we embarked upon the first phase of microfilming our records. We had 17,600 frames microfilmed, including such documents as all the Town Meeting Records from 1634 through 1973, all Birth Certificates from 1950 through 1971, all Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates from 1653 through 1776, and many others. In July, 1974, we will begin our second phase, which will comprise approximately 20,000 frames, and in 1975 we hope to complete all the microfilming of our documents. All microfilm is in cartridge form, and we have a microfilm reader in this office which has proven very satisfactory, and helpful to the citizens using it.

In addition, this year we were successful in obtaining new quarters. In March, 1973, the Selectmen approved the move of various agencies within the Town Hall. We moved across the hall. In April we renovated the new office space, and the first week of May, 1973, we moved in. We feel it is an excellent facility and we are far better able to serve the public as has been our desire. We invite all citizens to visit us, to see your new office, or just say "Hello" and know where we are when you need us.

We are still in need of space for our Election and Registration function, and will pursue this during the next few years.

The duties and responsibilities of this office continue to grow with each Legislative year, and we continue to grow with the demands by experience and know-how, and will continue to work to help our citizens in every way possible.

Lawrence Drew,

Town Clerk

**NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS
AND MIDWIVES**

Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAP. 46, SEC. 3

(TERCENTENARY EDITION)

(AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 326, SECTION 1,

ACTS OF 1939)

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases which he was in charge showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of child, its sex and color, the name, age, birth-place, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgement of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required such report shall read in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within fifteen days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk of registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts herein above required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health, a list of all births reported to him, showing,

as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence, ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition apparently acquired at birth, which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such birth occurred, a report setting forth such visible congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such births. The contents of such report shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAP. 46, SEC. 6

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his home, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER III

Sections 110 and 111 require physicians, registered hospitals, medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks, after birth.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

March 3, 1973

Pursuant to the Warrant and the Constable's Return thereon, a Town Election was held at the time and places specified in the Warrant and was called to order by the Wardens in the precincts as follows:

Precinct 1.	J. Warren Killam School	Russell H. Stone, Jr.
Precinct 2	Joshua Eaton School	Robert W. Foley
Precinct 3	Community Center	Herbert F. Gent, Jr.
Precinct 4	Memorial High School	Kenneth C. Latham

who then partially read the Warrant, when on motion of John F. Cronin, John H. Crooker, Ann Cusato, and Florence E. Campbell in Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the Warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Wardens in charge.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Wardens in charge and each found to be empty and all registered 000.

The polls were then declared open at 8:00 A.M. and were closed at 7:00 P.M. with the following results:

	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Totals
Moderator for one year — Vote for One					
Kenneth C. Latham	543	754	548	807	2,652
Blanks	105	120	97	100	422
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074
Selectman for three years — Vote for One					
Robert S. Cummings	336	569	338	516	1,759
Edward M. Gazarian	131	103	120	136	490
Jean M. MacKilligan	147	161	154	215	677
Blanks	34	41	33	40	148
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074

	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Totals
Treasurer for three years — Vote for One					
James N. Boyd, Jr.	544	766	553	792	2,655
Frederick A. Asmussen			1		1
Blanks	104	108	91	115	418
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074

Town Collector for three years — Vote for One

Frederick A. Asmussen	250	242	233	277	1,002
C. Dewey Smith	268	437	309	490	1,504
Albert F. Vigeant	97	164	87	122	470
Blanks	33	31	16	18	98
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074

Board of Public Works for three years — Vote for Not More than Two

Robert A. Brown	145	171	141	208	665
Charles M. Connors	110	89	97	179	475
Paul C. Dustin	247	480	265	296	1,288
Lawrence W. Leonard	206	219	215	330	970
Francis J. Roche	121	139	103	122	485
John H. Russell	249	392	263	449	1,353
John F. Willis			3		3
Blanks	218	258	203	230	909
Totals	1,296	1,748	1,290	1,814	6,148

Board of Assessors for three years — Vote for One

William E. Locke	509	744	534	754	2,541
Blanks	139	130	111	153	533
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074

Planning Board for three years — Vote for not more than Two

Melvin E. Jones	449	642	476	675	2,242
John P. Collins, Jr.	474	654	456	662	2,246
Blanks	373	452	358	477	1,660
Totals	1,296	1,748	1,290	1,814	6,148

	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Totals
Planning Board for one year — Vote for One					
Carrol Edward Ayers	477	677	491	692	2,337
Blanks	171	197	154	215	737
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074
Housing Authority for five years — Vote for One					
Edouard N. Dube	500	730	532	733	2,495
Blanks	148	144	113	174	579
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074
Board of Health for three years — Vote for One					
Robert W. Wakeling	525	754	549	763	2,591
Blanks	123	120	96	144	483
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074
Board of Health for one year — Vote for One					
Thomas J. Dowd	494	716	518	731	2,459
Blanks	154	158	127	176	615
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074
School Committee for three years — Vote for not more than Two					
Frank A. Smith, Jr.	405	582	429	604	2,020
George C. Cox	192	178	139	175	684
Louis H. Martinage	355	532	401	583	1,871
Timothy P. Mullins	183	274	150	228	835
Blanks	161	182	171	224	738
Totals	1,296	1,748	1,290	1,814	6,148
Municipal Light Board for three years — Vote for One					
William H. Parker, III	502	712	522	739	2,475
Blanks	146	162	123	168	599
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074

	Prec 1	Prec 2	Prec 3	Prec 4	Totals
Board of Cemetery Trustees for three years — Vote for not more than Two					
Charles E. Ellis, Jr.	474	695	501	703	2,373
Stanley F. Maxwell	486	679	501	710	2,376
Blanks	336	374	288	401	1,399
Totals	1,296	1,748	1,290	1,814	6,148

Board of Library Trustees for three years — Vote for not more than Two					
Edward F. Fuller, Jr.	467	689	497	707	2,360
Barbara E. Winkler	484	705	508	726	2,423
Blanks	345	354	285	381	1,365
Totals	1,296	1,748	1,290	1,814	6,148

Regional School District Committee for four years — Vote for One					
John M. J. Barry	312	365	272	393	1,342
John B. Pacino	257	429	319	451	1,456
Blanks	79	80	54	63	276
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074

QUESTION

“Shall the town provide two thousand dollars of group insurance and two thousand dollars of accidental death and dismemberment insurance for a retired employee in lieu of one thousand dollars of group life insurance?”

Yes	298	388	311	434	1,431
No	183	250	170	247	850
Blanks	167	236	164	226	793
Totals	648	874	645	907	3,074

PRECINCT I

Town Meeting Members for three years — Vote for not more than Seventeen	
James R. Boucher	362
Joseph W. Cormier	384
Daniel E. Foley	316
Robert M. Graham	358
Pearl E. Malphrus	319
Arthur E. O'Brien, Jr.	339

Marvin M. Rosenthal	330
Carl W. Soule, Jr.	323
Clifford P. Wadman	323
Richard B. Webster	364
Raymond A. Vanasse	313
Tazewell B. Amiss, Jr.	7
Florence K. Doksansky	146
Mary Jolene Guerra	184
Elizabeth A. Jessiman	144
Matthew P. Kelley	162
Robert W. Nickerson	188
Curt E. Nitzsche	159
Maurice C. Proctor, Jr.	168
Blanks	7,176

Total	12,065
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Town Meeting Member for two years — Vote for One

Charlotte G. Thompson	391
Blanks	257
Total	648

PRECINCT II

Town Meeting Members for three years — Vote for not more than Seventeen

Ralph J. Bens, Jr.	567
Floyd E. Brown	383
John P. Collins, Jr.	361
Irene P. Doughty	493
Barry F. Gibbons	359
David F. Ham	376
Isabella R. Harker	392
Alfred R. Johnson	348
James W. Killam, III	517
John B. Miller	371
William H. Parker, III	400
Beverly B. Seavey	441
William W. Sellers	372
Corliss T. Van Horn	351
Harold P. Zitzow	334
Allan E. Ames	187
Peter P. Carcia	181
Robert S. Cummings	480
Lawrence Drew	446

Myrna R. Jones	306
W. Bruce MacDonald	291
Nils L. Nordberg	510
Donald R. Walker	401
Frank E. Wandrey	287
Blanks	5,704
Total	14,858

PRECINCT III

Frederick A. Asmussen	324
Arnold Berger	332
Raymond R. Couture	343
George E. Curtis	329
Robert L. Dancy	283
William H. Diamond	406
H. William Harlow, Jr.	309
Dolores A. Meskunas	329
George E. Millner	301
Robert B. Mills	277
Leonard F. Westra	319
Philip R. White	375
Edward C. Wright	315
Carroll Edward Ayers	277
Vincent C. Connors	350
Francis J. Cummings	289
Peter E. Nebolsine	256
Blanks	5,551
Total	10,965

Town Meeting Member for two years — Vote for One

Carl B. Bertelsen	205
Robert J. Murphy	144
Frederick W. Rabideau	117
Blanks	179
Total	645

Town Meeting Member for one year — Vote for not more than Two

James J. Fandel	389
Ralph E. Snyder, Jr.	397

Blanks	504
Total	1,290

PRECINCT IV

Town Meeting Members for three years — Vote for not more than Seventeen

Christopher E. Berry	466
Robert A. Brown	430
Lloyd E. Chapman	448
Donald Higgins	399
Edward F. Hurley, Jr.	407
Ara A. Karakashian	545
George R. Larson	461
Paul T. Metcalf	444
Robert A. Muir	465
Herbert G. Perry	436
John H. Russell	480
Joseph J. Schmuck	411
Russell H. Stone, Jr.	415
Nathan C. White	472
Warren T. Woods	346
Robert C. Birdsall	408
Edward P. Cameron	474
Elizabeth W. Klepeis	390
Joseph A. Miola	292
Francis J. McDonald	286
Barbara B. Monsler	339
Blanks	6,605
Total	15,419

Town Meeting Member for one year — Vote for One

James S. Rouvalis	584
Blanks	323
Total	907

The polls were closed at 7:00 P.M. with the following results:

Whole number of votes cast 3,074.

The votes were declared in Open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Town Clerk to be placed

in the vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn 8:15 P.M., March 3, 1973
A true record. Attest:

Lawrence Drew,
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Reading Memorial High School Auditorium March 12, 1973

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Kenneth C. Latham, at 8:00 P.M.

The invocation was given by Rev. Matthew J. Coughlin of St. Agnes Church.

The newly elected Town Meeting Members were sworn in by the Moderator.

The Warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted to dispense with further reading of the Warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 2. Carl H. Amon, Jr., requested the Finance Committee to report on two items:

a. A report on the Finance Committee's deliberation relative to "Teachers Salary", as outlined in the new State statute.

b. How much money was used from the Federal Revenue Sharing Program and where we stand with these monies now.

James J. Sullivan, Jr., Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the status of the above items (a and b) and in addition

presented several changes to the Finance Committee Report, as published.

This report was accepted as a report of progress.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was presented by Charles Stratton and accepted as a report of progress:

The Reading Council on Aging brings to the attention of the citizens of the Town of Reading the progress and status of its programs for the elderly and the need for some additional support from the Town.

During 1972 the Council's activities were:

1. The Community Program for the Elderly consisting of 19 classes in Oil Painting, Ceramics, Knitting, Crafts, Rug Braiding and Hooking, Crewel Embroidery, Contract Bridge, Homemaking, Choral Singing, a Library Group (in cooperation with the Reading Public Library), and a Discussion Group, plus five Special Summer Programs. This program was taken over from the Reading Housing Authority on April 1, 1972.

2. Three all-day Summer Bus Trips.

3. A Thanksgiving Dinner.

4. Weekly trips to Shopping Centers, in cooperation with the Y.M.C.A. using their minibus and a volunteer driver.

5. Mailing in June and September a newsletter entitled the "Elderberries" to all known elderly in Reading, giving notices of particular interest to them.

6. A Volunteer Visitation Program for shut-ins.

7. Taking groups to special performances.

8. Many other miscellaneous activities helping the elderly.

Toward the end of the year the Council was given space in the Community Center by the Selectmen, which has been very much appreciated. This provided the Council with office space of its own for the first time, and about a month ago, the Council opened a Drop-In Center for the elderly on Friday afternoons for sociability, a cup of tea, and sometimes a game of bridge.

Within a few weeks the Council, in cooperation with the Combined Visiting Nurse Association, and with the approval of the Board of Health, will be starting a small Health Program, toward which a grant of \$900 has been received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Such programs are being encouraged by the State in many communities. Counseling and educational programs are conducted to help maintain the health of the elderly at as high a level as possible, tending to keep them in their own homes longer, where they are much happier than in nursing homes. The program will not take the place of their own physicians, nor will any medication be prescribed, but it will be of a preventive and therapeutic nature.

In all of its efforts Reading, like most other towns, is finding that its greatest problem is transportation. Many of the elderly are not able or cannot afford to drive cars. Also they cannot afford a round trip taxi fare of \$2 to get to the center of town from the outskirts for shopping, classes, and meetings. Volunteer transportation, on which the Council has depended in large measure in the past, has dropped to a very low minimum. Housewives are increasingly taking paid jobs or do not wish to be tied down to a driving schedule, and the FISH Program, which provided more or less emergency transportation, has gone out of existence at least for the time being.

The various programs we are engaged in are most helpful and enjoyable for those who can get to them, but there are many elderly who just can not get to them. Occasionally we have known of elderly people who would like to do some volunteer work for the community themselves but lacked the transportation.

The greatest need of the Council is therefore for a minibus and a driver.

Many may wonder why we need to do more for our elderly than was done for them, say, twenty-five years ago. Some of the reasons are that they live longer, there are more of them and their financial resources are usually less adequate because of high medical costs, high taxes and prices. Also, there is less tendency to keep them with their families because of smaller houses, more friction between generations, often lack of respect, not to mention high financial pressures on their children to provide education for the grandchildren. Retirement is forced upon the elderly at an earlier age. In spite of declining mobility, they will remain more creative, productive, happier, and healthier if they can be

encouraged to lead independent lives of their own and are able to get out into the community.

Nathalie C. Beaton, Chairman
Council on Aging

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the following persons be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Harold B. Currell
Irving E. Dickey, Jr.

and that the following persons be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark for the ensuing year:

Harold B. Currell
Irving E. Dickey, Jr.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Barbara E. Winkler it was voted that the Town adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Lewis E. Pierce has been a resident of the Town of Reading since 1929; and

WHEREAS, he has attained the still youthful age of 90 years; and

WHEREAS, he has been a Town Meeting Member since the adoption by the Town of Reading of the Limited Town Meeting form of government in the year 1944 and has managed to achieve a nearly perfect record of attendance; and

WHEREAS, he retired from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1947 after 45 years of service and following retirement served as Sewer Inspector for the Town of Reading and as a member of the Committee to study the Town Man-

ager form of government;and

WHEREAS, he has been a staunch supporter of the Y.M.C.A., the Reading Symphony Orchestra, the Reading Public Library, the Reading League of Women Voters and many other local town organizations and activities too numerous to mention;

NOW, THEREFORE, the elected officials, town meeting members, and citizens of the Town of Reading take this opportunity on the occasion of the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1973, to extend their warmest thanks to Lewis E. Pierce for his many years of devoted service to the town and to commend him as an outstanding example of citizenship at its very best, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these remarks be spread upon the record of this meeting and be published in the Annual Report for the year 1973.

The Town Meeting responded to the Resolution with a rising vote of thanks to Lewis E. Pierce.

ARTICLE 3. George E. Curtis moved that the Board of Public Works be instructed to provide, for a reasonable time each day, a convenient and suitable place for the residents of Reading to bring and deposit their rubbish, if they so desire. Some relief is needed especially during the spring, summer and fall.

This motion did not pass.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted to take Article 50 from the table.

ARTICLE 50. On motion of David F. Ham, as amended by Robert S. Cummings and David F. Ham, it was voted that the Town amend the official classification plan, schedules and regulation in accord with Article XXIV, Schedule A of the By-Laws of the Town, as follows:

SALARY GRADE

Labor Grade	Point Range	Base Salary	Max. Salary
1	159	74.63	102.85
2	160-174	79.85	110.05
3	175-189	85.44	117.82
4	190-204	91.44	126.00
5	205-219	96.67	133.19

6	220-234	102.18	140.82
7	239-249	108.02	148.88
8	250-264	114.20	157.37
9	265-279	120.73	166.37
10	280-294	127.63	175.90
11	295-309	134.92	185.93
12	310-324	142.64	196.55
13	325-339	150.80	207.82
14	340-354	165.76	219.71
15	355-369	168.55	232.27
16	370-384	178.19	245.55
17	385-399	188.36	259.60
18	400-414	199.15	274.46
19	415-429	210.16	290.15
20	430-444	222.57	306.72
21	445-459	235.28	324.25
22	460-474	248.75	353.89
23	475-489	262.97	362.41
24	490-504	278.01	383.12
25	505-519	293.91	405.05
26	520-534	310.74	428.23
27	535-549	329.11	453.58

SECTION I — CLERICAL EMPLOYEES—Hourly

Job Title	Labor Grade	Minimum	Maximum
Jr. Clerks	2	2.13	2.94
Sr. Clerks B	5	2.57	3.55
Sr. Clerks A	6	2.73	3.57
Hearing Reporter	7	2.88	3.97
Collectors' Admin. Asst.	8	3.03	4.20
Assessors' Admin. Asst.	11	3.60	4.96
Asst. Town Clerk	11	3.60	4.96

SECTION II — SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

Job Title	Labor Grade
Supervisor	20
Supt. (Cemetery Dept.)	20
Supt. (Tree & Moth Dept.)	19

SECTION III — PUBLIC LIBRARY— Hourly

Job Title	Labor Grade	Minimum	Maximum
Head Librarian	21		
Librarian, Grade I	16		
Librarian, Grade II	14		
Librarian, Grade III	12		
Library Assistant	7		
Library Clerk	4		
Library Hourly Employees		1.32	3.14
Library Pages		1.32	1.78

SECTION IV—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT— ENGINEERING

Job Title	Labor Grade	Hourly Minimum	Hourly Maximum
Superintendent	27		
Assistant Superintendent	23		
Civil Engineer	22		
Supervisor	20		
Pumping Station Engineer	19		
Sanitary Div. Engineer	18		
Asst. Civil Engineer	17		
Asst. Sanitary Div. Eng.	14		
Land Surveyor	14	3.99	5.49
Administrative Assistant	14	3.99	5.49
Senior Draftsman	11	3.38	4.65
Transitman	11	3.38	4.65
Administrative Clerk	9	3.02	4.17
Junior Draftsman	7	2.70	3.75
Secretary	7	2.70	3.75
Rodman	6	2.55	3.52

SECTION V

Cemetery—Public Works—Tree & Moth Departments (Collective Bargaining Unit)

Job Title	Weekly Rate Effective 4-1-73	Weekly Rate Effective 4-1-74
Master Mechanic	208.40	210.40

Foreman	187.20	189.20
Mechanic Class 1 (2)	182.40	184.00
Heavy Equipment Operator	178.00	180.00
Asst. Pumping Sta. Eng.	178.00	180.00
Working Foreman	178.00	180.00
Light Med. Equip. Operator (2)	167.60	169.20
*Skilled Laborer	158.00	159.60
*Mechanic Class II (3)	158.00	159.60
*Dump Caretaker	142.00	143.20
*Meter Repairman	142.00	143.20
*Semi-Skilled Laborer	142.00	143.20
*Mechanic Class III (3)	142.00	143.20
(1) Laborer	125.60	126.80
Seasonal Laborer	100.00	101.00

***Step Increases:** (a) A full time, permanent employee employed in the bargaining unit on April 1, 1973, shall on October 1, 1973, receive a One Step increase of two dollars (\$2) per week for the job classifications with the asterisk*.

(b) A new employee, (one beginning work after April 1, 1973), shall receive a Step increase of two dollars (\$2) per week six (6) months from the date of commencement of employment.

(1) The **Laborer** classification step was calculated at five dollars (\$5.00) and twenty cents (\$.20) to raise this entrance level classification.

(2) New classification and rate of pay in the Agreement.

(3) New job title at same level of pay.

SECTION VI — POLICE DEPARTMENT

Job Title	Labor Grade	Minimum	Maximum
Chief	26		UNION
Lieutenant	19		4/1/73 to
Sergeant	18		6/30/74
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Patrolman Inspector			220.00
Patrolman			199.50
Police Matron		3.42 (per hour)	
Patrolman (Starting Rate)			183.25

SECTION VII — FIRE DEPARTMENT

Job Title		UNION	
		4-1-73	4-1-74
Chief	26		
Deputy Chief		270.46	273.16
Captain		242.47	244.89
Lieutenant		224.96	227.21
Private		198.15	200.13
Private (Starting Rate)		182.02	183.84

SECTION VIII — FIRE ALARM DEPARTMENT

		Minimum	Maximum
Lineman	11	3.38	4.66
Groundman	7	2.70	3.72

SECTION IX — GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Accountant	17		
Executive Secretary		\$5,000. (annual)	\$15,000. (annual)
Superintendent of Buildings	15		
Janitor A	8	2.86	3.94
Appraiser	24		

BENEFIT CHANGE

And that Vacation Policy be amended by adding to the allowable two week vacation two additional days after 5 years of service, adding to allowable three weeks vacation two additional days after 10 years of service.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., as amended by James J. Sullivan, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$384,433.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for General Government, as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Executive Secretary's Salary	\$ 8,565.00
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Selectmen's Clerical	5,040.00
Selectmen's Expenses	3,800.00
Town Accountant's Salary	18,300.00
Accountant's Salary	11,871.00
Town Accountant's Clerical	3,372.00
Town Accountant's Expense (including out-of-state travel not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars)	2,294.00
Treasurer's Salary	7,500.00
Treasurer's Clerical	15,900.00
Treasurer's Expense	13,217.00
Tax Collector's Salary (all fees collected to be paid to Town Treasurer)	9,600.00
Tax Collector's Clerical	30,000.00
Tax Collector's Expense	6,500.00
Town Clerk's Salary (all fees collected to be paid to Town Treasurer)	7,350.00
Town Clerk's Clerical	22,303.00
Town Clerk's Expense (including outof state travel not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars)	8,500.00
Assessors' Salaries	6,750.00
Assessors' Appraiser)	
Assessors' Clerical)	55,334.00
Assessors' Expense (including out of state travel not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars)	8,500.00
Board of Registrars' Salary	1,440.00
Board of Registrars' Expense	300.00
Election & Registration Expense	31,050.00
Board of Appeals Expense	2,900.00
Planning Board Expense	300.00
Finance Committee Clerk	1,800.00
Finance Committee Expense	350.00
Personnel Board Expense	1,350.00
Town Counsel Legal Services	44,025.00
Town Counsel Expenses	4,500.00

MUNICIPAL BUILDING — Salaries

Superintendent's Salary	14,480.00
Custodian — Town Hall	9,810.00
Custodian — Police Station	3,531.00

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS — MAINTENANCE

Town Hall	14,733.00
Depot	2,168.00
Conservation Commission Expense	7,000.00

\$384,433.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Edward P. Cameron it was voted that the sum of Two Million Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$2,078,568.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Police Department Salaries	\$ 765,385.00
Police Department Maintenance	60,000.00
Police Department Traffic Control Schools	55,000.00
Police Department Traffic Light Maintenance	7,500.00
Fire Department Salaries	941,534.00
Fire Department Maintenance (including travel outside state not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars)	49,000.00
Fire Alarm Salaries	11,000.00
Fire Alarm Expense	5,000.00
Forestry Department Salaries	79,476.00
Forestry Department Tree Removal Inc. Labor	5,928.00
Forestry Department Expense	16,515.00
Hydrant Rental	39,000.00
Drinking Fountains Operation	150.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary	10,485.00
Inspector of Buildings Expense	1,480.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary	1,974.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expense	540.00
Dog Officer Salaries	13,751.00
Dog Officer Expense	5,000.00
Inspector of Wires Salary	4,100.00
Inspector of Wires Expense	1,500.00
Civil Defense Maintenance & Salary	4,250.00
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	\$2,078,568.00

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that this meeting stand adjourned until Thursday, March 15, 1973, at 8:00 P.M., to meet in the Memorial High School Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

188 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

Lawrence Drew,
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Reading Memorial High School Auditorium

March 15, 1973

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Kenneth C. Latham at 8:00 P.M.

The invocation was given by Rev. J. Gary Campbell of the Old South United Methodist Church.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence R. Blood it was voted that the sum of Two Million One Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty and Twelve Hundredths Dollars (\$2,149,240.12) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Salaries for the Public Works Department	\$1,016,650.00
Expenses for the Public Works Department (including travel outside the state not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00))	455,000.00
Salaries for Construction, Maintenance and Operation of Water Works	231,350.00
Expenses for Construction, Maintenance and Opera- tion of Water Works (including travel outside the state not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00))	260,400.00
Expenses for the payment of Water Bonds and interest	185,840.12
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	\$2,149,240.12

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Robert S. Cummings it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$130,447.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows, each item being considered a separate appropriation:

Board of Health Salaries	\$ 8,535.00
Board of Health Expense	2,250.00
Health Agent Salary	18,987.00
Plumbing Inspector Salary & Expense	3,500.00

Animal Inspector Salary & Expense	0.00
Gas Inspector Salary & Expense	1,175.00
Care of Contagious Disease	7,500.00
Fluoridation	7,500.00
Mosquito Control	10,500.00
Mental Health	38,000.00
735 Program	32,500.00
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	\$ 130,447.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$173,470.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for Veterans' Benefits as follows, each item being considered a separate appropriation:

Administrative Salary	\$ 14,170.00
Administrative Expense	1,800.00
Aid	157,500.00
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	\$ 173,470.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Frank A. Smith, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Eight Million Eight Hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Forty-Four Dollars (\$8,867,344.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the School Department, and that the expenditure of Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars (\$26,965.00), received or to be received under Public Law #874, and that the expenditure of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$2,520.00), received or to be received under Public Law #864, and that the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-Three Dollars (\$38,223.00), received or to be received from Chapter 506 Metco Funds so-called, and that said sums totalling Eight Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand and Fifty-Two Dollars (\$8,935,052.00) be authorized and appropriated as follows:

General Salaries	\$7,708,967.00		
Less: Chapter 506 Fund	—	10,500.00	\$7,698,467.00
Maintenance (including travel out of state not to exceed \$3,795.00)		1,128,474.00	
Less: Public Law #874	\$26,965.00		
Public Law #864	2,520.00		
Chapter 506 Fund	27,723.00	57,208.00	1,071,266.00
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Cafeterias	52,943.00
Athletics	32,578.00
Adult Education	12,090.00
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	\$8,867,344.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of John B. Pacino it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Six Dollars (\$253,766.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purpose of the Town's share for the operation and maintenance of the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of William H. Diamond it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Ninety-Four and 29/100 Dollars (\$252,094.29) be raised from the tax levy and that the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Two and 13/100 Dollars (\$8,452.13) be transferred from State Aid for Libraries Reserved, and that the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Eight and 58/100 Dollars (\$3,278.58) be transferred from the County Dog License Account, and that the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is, authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfers to carry out the purpose of this vote, and that such sums totalling Two Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$263,825.00) be appropriated for library purposes (including travel outside the State not to exceed \$300.00 as follows:

Salaries	\$177,500.00
Maintenance	86,325.00
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	\$263,825.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence R. Blood it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$685,158.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for sewer and incinerator maturing debt and interest as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Maturing Debt — Sewer	\$290,000.00
Interest — Sewer	205,408.00
Maturing Debt — Incinerator	75,000.00
Interest — Incinerator	114,750.00
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	\$685,158.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Paul C. Nicholas it was voted that there be included in the tax levy for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$56,200.00) and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplied to municipal buildings and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant and that the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) be appropriated from the said receipts of the Department for the sale, installation and service of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriation to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the plant, including payment of Bonds and Notes, the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels as defined in Chapter 164, Section 57 of the General Laws, or any amendment thereof or additions thereto and that if said sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$56,200.00) and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the amount of 50% of the net profit from operations as of December 31, of the preceding year as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, such amount shall be paid, 50% in June and 50% in December of the current year, into the Town Treasury Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Department.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Edouard N. Dube it was voted that the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) be transferred from Cemetery Reserve and that the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote, and that the sum of Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$97,392.00) be raised from the tax levy, and that such sums totaling One Hundred Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$103,392.00) be appropriated for the Cemetery Department, including care and development of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Salaries	\$ 88,242.00
Maintenance	13,000.00
Care of Veterans Graves, Section 9 of Chapter 115 of General Laws	2,150.00
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	\$103,392.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Russell H. Stone, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Five Dollars (\$59,155.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the Recreation Committee each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Salaries	\$ 36,000.00
Expense	23,155.00
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	\$ 59,155.00

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that this meeting stand adjourned until Saturday, March 17, 1973, at 9:00 A.M., to meet in the Memorial High School Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

184 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

Lawrence Drew,
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Reading Memorial High School Auditorium March 17, 1973

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Kenneth C. Latham at 9:00 a.m.

The invocation was given by Rev. Paul E. Barnes of the First Congregational Church.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Louis H. Martinage it was voted that the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thirty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,633,850.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated as follows:

School Maturing Debt	\$ 995,000.00
School Interest	638,850.00
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	\$1,633,850.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five Dollars (\$329,675.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for all insurance except Group Insurance of the town employees.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$212,200.00) be raised from the tax levy, and that the sum of Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$14,150.00) be transferred from the Municipal Light Department Operating and Maintenance Account, and that the sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$6,290.00) be transferred from the Group Insurance Dividend Account, and that said sums totaling Two Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$232,640.00) be appropriated for group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance for Town employees, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, and that said sum be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and that the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is, authorized, empowered and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., is was voted that the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for interest for borrowing in anticipation of revenue and for borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement for construction or repair of highways.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$126,315.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for pensions other than contributory and creditable service of retirees due other Towns.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Seven Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$7,663.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for Memorial Day Observance, to be expended under the direction of Post 62 American Legion and Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Robert S. Cummings it was voted that the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) be raised

from the tax levy and appropriated for the care and lighting of Old South Clock.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$7,390.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for printing the Town Report.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and be appropriated for the Town Forest, such sums to be expended by and under the direction of the Town Forest Committee.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for aid to agriculture.

On motion of Charles Stratton it was voted to lay Article 4 on the table.

On motion of Charles Stratton it was voted to take Article 46 from the table.

ARTICLE 46. On motion of Charles Stratton, as amended by Donald R. Walker, it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund (P. L. 92-512) for the purchase of a Mini-Bus, so-called, by the Council on Aging, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of James J. Sullivan, Jr., it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

The following report was read by Richard J. Ogden, of the Finance Committee, which was accepted as a report of progress:

FINAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE

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TOWN of READING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Last September the Finance Committee entered into a contract with Peat, Marwick & Mitchell, which called for the preparation of monthly reconciliations of the Treasurer's bank accounts and agreeing the balances of the Treasurer's cash to the amounts of the Town Accountant's books (general ledger) for the period from August 1, 1968, to March 15, 1972. This contract called for the Finance Committee to transfer an initial amount of \$15,000 in advance and agree to transfer additional funds if necessary to complete the work of reconciliation. Accordingly, the Finance Committee transferred \$15,000 from the Reserve Fund for the purpose of paying Peat, Marwick & Mitchell.

Yesterday we received from Peat, Marwick & Mitchell our final progress report and billing which I would like to read:

"I have enclosed a final billing for special accounting services rendered to the Town of Reading in accordance with our proposal letter dated September 25, 1972. The amount of the final billing totals \$17,117 consisting of fee for our services of \$14,217 and payments for the utilization of temporary clerical help totaling \$2,900. We have previously billed the Town \$15,000 of which \$10,000 has been paid to date. Accordingly, the balance at this date is \$7,117.

The amount of this billing represents our total hours at a rate of \$21 per hour. Actually, we have incurred a fee of \$17,916 for this engagement at an average standard hourly rate in excess of \$26 plus additional costs of \$4,247 including \$2,900 for clerical help, or a total of \$22,163. We indicated in our proposal letter that our fee would be billed for actual hours at a rate which would approximate \$20 per hour. Because of that commitment, even though the average rate turned out to be in excess of \$26, I have prepared the billing at the \$21 rate. The increase in the average rate from our original estimate is due to the necessity to expend more management hours than originally anticipated. Also, I would like to point out that in early December we indicated to you that we felt the total project would run in the neighborhood of \$17,000 but that we would bill \$15,000 on the premise that the project would be completed by mid-December. Subsequently, it was necessary for us to expend additional hours to complete the project. These hours were caused by additional meetings with Town officials and following up, at the request of State officials, on particular reconciling items included in the

bank reconciliations. The following is a summary of our hours expended through December 1, 1972, as well as hours expended during and subsequent to December:

	Hours
Through December 1, 1972	401
During the month of December, 1972	181
Subsequent to December, 1972	95
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	677

The amount of our billing is substantially below our normal charges for services as indicated above and does not include other out-of-pocket costs totaling \$1,300 since we did not mention them in our proposal. We have determined to bill at this lower rate because of the partiular problems of the Town and our commitment to serving clients such as the Town of Reading. If you have any questions concerning the matters discussed in this letter, please contact me."

Peat, Marwick & Mitchell has also informed us that if they had to duplicate Keaton and Robinson's work, it would have cost the town at least an additional \$5,000. Therefore, the Finance Committee is recommending payment to Keaton and Robinson.

We expect to receive Peat, Marwick & Mitchell's audit report within the next two weeks. The State has completed its work and has certified our free cash.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

On motion of Charles Stratton it was voted to take Article 22 from the table.

ARTICLE 22. On motion of Charles Stratton, as amended by James J. Sullivan, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$22,777.50) be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund (P.L. 92-512) for the administration and operation of programs for the Elderly, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Robert S. Cummings it was voted that the sum of Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$5,160.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the

purchase of uniforms for the members of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Robert S. Cummings it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purchase of protective clothing for the members of the auxiliary Fire Service.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Robert S. Cummings it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for indemnification of certain police officers and firemen for expense actually incurred as a result of injury in the line of duty, under the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 100, as amended.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Robert S. Cummings it was voted that the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purchase of uniforms for the members of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Robert S. Cummings, as amended by Nils L. Nordberg, it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund (P.L. 92-512) for the purpose of portable two way radios of the walkie-talkie type so-called, and related equipment for the use of the Police Department, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Robert S. Cummings it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to sell or exchange or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the 1970 Ford and the two 1972 Ford cruisers now in the Police Department, and that the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) be raised from the tax levy and together with the proceeds from said sale or exchange be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing three new cars for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Robert S. Cummings it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are authorized to sell or exchange or otherwise dispose of, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, three cars in the use of the Police Department and that the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) be raised from the tax levy, and together with the proceeds from said sale or exchange, be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing three new cars for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 12. Edward P. Cameron moved that the town accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 41, Section 100G, entitled "An Act Providing For the Payment of the Funeral and Burial Expenses of Fire Fighters and Police Officers Killed in the Performance of Duty".

This motion did not pass.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Edward P. Cameron it was voted that the sum of Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purpose of installation of vehicle-actuated mechanical traffic signals at the intersection of Woburn and High Streets and that said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 14. On motion of Edward P. Cameron, as amended by James J. Sullivan, Jr., it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are authorized upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, to sell or exchange or otherwise dispose of, a 1960 1½ ton truck, and a tree sprayer both now in the Forestry Department, and that the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$9,450.00) be raised from the tax levy and together with the proceeds of said sale or exchange, be appropriated for the purpose of a new truck including chassis and cab and for the purpose of rebuilding and transferring the existing Dump Truck body and winch unit to said new truck and for the purpose of purchasing a new Tree Sprayer. ,

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Edward P. Cameron it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purpose of the Tree Planting Fund.

ARTICLE 16. On motion of Edward P. Cameron it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$3,860.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the observance of the Christmas season, 1973, by the decoration and illumination of public buildings and public streets, and the decoration of Christmas trees upon the municipal land, to be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 17. On motion of Edward P. Cameron it was voted that the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purpose of Community Center Maintenance, to be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise by borrowing or from the tax levy or transfer from available funds and appropriate for the purpose of reimbursement of other retiring authorities for creditable service attributable to the Town under provisions of General Laws Chapter 32, Section 59A, as amended, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Edward P. Cameron it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Frank A. Smith, Jr., it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Frank A. Smith, Jr., it was voted that the Town adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Walker was elected to the Reading School Committee in the Town of Reading in 1961, and has served the Town of Reading and the children of Reading for twelve years, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Walker has served as Chairman of the Reading School Committee since 1966, a period of seven years, and

WHEREAS, during the period of his service the schools of Reading have undergone a period of unprecedented growth in population requiring the expansion of human and physical resources, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Donald R. Walker has given generously and unselfishly of his time, energy and ability, and because of his dedicated service the quality of education has been maintained and improved,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Annual Town Meeting of Reading held on March 17, 1973, extends to Dr. Donald R. Walker its sincere expression of appreciation and gratitude for Dr. Donald R. Walker's service to the Town of Reading and its children,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the records and that a copy be signed by the Selectmen and delivered to Dr. Donald R. Walker.

The Town Meeting responded to the Resolution with a rising vote of thanks to Dr. Donald R. Walker.

ARTICLE 3. Charles W. Chisholm moved that the Tree & Moth Department be instructed to reinstate the policy of spraying homeowners' properties at a cost not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00).

This motion did not pass.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of George W. Cochrane, 3rd, it was voted that Senator William L. Saltonstall, Representative Nils L. Nordberg and Daniel C. Towse be and they hereby are requested to record the objections of the Reading Town Meeting to House Bills 1889 and 1890, and said Senator and said Representatives are requested to vote against the enactment, of said bills in their present form.

On motion of C. Dewey Smith it was voted to lay Article 3 on the table.

ARTICLE 19. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted to authorize payment of the following unpaid bills which were incurred during 1972, in the amount indicated and which may be legally unenforceable due to the insufficiency of the appropriation therefor, a schedule of each bill is on file in the office of the Selectmen:

Keaton & Robinson	\$5,000.00
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	17.13
M. F. Charles & Son	10.75
	\$5,027.88

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,027.88.

135 voted in the affirmative

0 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws by adding Section 6 to Article XXI as follows:

Section 6. No person or persons shall solicit to sell or distribute merchandise or collect donations on a house to house basis within the limits of the Town of Reading without first obtaining a permit from the Reading Board of Selectmen at least ten (10) days in advance of the planned starting date of such

activity. The Board of Selectmen shall notify the Reading Police Department and the Reading Chronicle of all approved requests, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 21. On motion of Raymond R. Couture it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to sell and convey to Walter Clark and Minnie H. Clark, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, but not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), a certain parcel of land, owned by the Town off Longfellow Road, bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY by land of Town of Reading, fifteen and 75/100 (15.75) feet;

NORTHERLY by land of Town of Reading, fifty (50) feet;

EASTERLY by land of Town of Reading, fifteen and 75/100 (15.75) feet;

SOUTHERLY by land of Walter Clark and Minnie H. Clark, fifty (50) feet.

Containing 787 square feet of land more or less.

135 voted in the affirmative

0 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 23. To see whether the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws, Article XXII, Dog Leash Law, Section 4, by requiring the owner of keeper of any dog confined, as provided in Article XXII, to pay the actual charges incurred for such confinement, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 24. On motion of Charles Stratton it was voted that the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$4,400.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the Conservation Fund for Conservation purposes under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended.

ARTICLE 25. On motion of Nancy Wilson Anderson it was voted that the town acquire by purchase, deed of gift, dedication, or otherwise for Conservation purposes under General Laws Chapter 40, Sec. 8C, as amended, and that the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Dollars (\$23,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for said acquisition of all or any part of the following described parcel of land:

Description of Land off Franklin Street

. . . beginning at a corner of the wall some 560 feet easterly from Pearl Street, said corner being the Southeasterly corner of the premises sold to the Town of Reading by Miriam E. Corey.

From thence the line runs Northerly by the wall and by the said former Corey land 1342.57 feet, more or less, to a drill hole in the wall at Bear Meadow;

Thence Easterly by said Bear Meadow and land of the Town of Reading and others by various angles a distance of 1070.82 feet, more or less, to land of Daniel G. Webster, et ux;

Thence Southerly by land of said Webster, lands of Kurt E. Dexter et ux, William P. Walsh et ux, Joseph F. O'Keefe et ux, a distance of 307.15 feet, more or less, to an angle;

Thence Easterly by said O'Keefe land 22.44 feet;

Thence Southerly by land of Nathan A. LaBella et ux, Anthony J. DiIeso et ux, Peter Govostes et ux and Alban G. Sheehan et ux, a distance of 358.27 feet, more or less, to a corner at land of the Town of Reading, formerly of Amy E. Batchelder et al;

Thence Westerly by said last land a distance of 577.82 feet, more or less, to a corner;

Thence Northerly 121.31 feet and Westerly 20.00 feet by said land of the Town of Reading to a corner;

Thence running southerly by a portion of Lot 7 and by Lots 6 and 5 of the Batchelder plan and by land of the Town of Reading, a distance of 366.39 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 4 of said plan;

Thence running Westerly by Lots 4 and 5 of said plan a dis-

tance of 180 feet to a point on the easterly side line of Pheasant Run Drive;

Thence running Southwesterly on a diagonal line across said Drive, a distance of 55 feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of Lot 43;

Thence Westerly by the Northerly line of Lot 43, a distance of 181.81 feet to land of Richard O. Harper et ux;

Thence running Northerly by said Harper, a distance of 413 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Containing 30 acres of land, more or less.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, right of eminent domain, deed of gift, dedication, or otherwise for Conservation purposes under General Laws Chapter 40, Sec. 8C, as amended, the following described parcel of land and to see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or from the tax levy or transfer from available funds and appropriate for such acquisition the following described parcel of land:

Description of the land, off Lowell Street to the B & M R R and Willow Street.

. . . beginning at a point on the Southwesterly side of Lowell Street, said point being S. $45^{\circ} 1' 30''$ E., a distance of 100 feet from a bound marking a point of curve with Willow Street, and at land of Fernando G. Caratelli et ux.

From thence the line runs S. $45^{\circ} 1' 30''$ E., by said Lowell Street, a distance of 87.58 feet to land of Frederick J. Pope;

Thence Southwesterly by said Pope, partly by the ditch, a distance of 200 feet;

Thence Southeasterly by said Pope, a distance of 131.25 feet, more or less, to the center of a ditch at land now or formerly of John A. Dow;

Thence Westerly by said Dow, now or formerly, and the ditch, a distance of 32 feet, more or less, to land of the Boston & Maine Railroad;

Thence Northwesterly by the easterly side line of said Rail-

road, a distance of 227 feet to a corner;

Thence Southwesterly by the same, a distance of 4.25 feet;

Thence again Northwesterly by the same, a distance of 237.50 feet, more or less to Willow Street;

Thence Easterly by the Southerly side line of Willow Street, a distance of 20 feet, more or less, to land of Hazel Stiles;

Thence running Southeasterly, a distance of 205 feet, more or less, to a corner;

Thence running in a general Easterly direction through several angles and by several owners, a distance of 903.84 feet, more or less, to land of the said Caratelli;

Thence running Northeasterly, a distance of 170.75 feet to said Lowell Street and the point of beginning.

Said lot containing about 5.81 acres of land and is subject to a Sewer Easement 25 feet wide from said Lowell Street to land of the Boston & Maine Railroad; also a Sewer Easement running southerly towards Hunt Street, and a drainage Easement along the southerly boundary and a Gas Line Easement along the Railroad Right of Way.

On motion of James R. Boucher it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 27. On motion of James R. Boucher it was voted that the town acquire by purchase, right of eminent domain, deed of gift, dedication, or otherwise for Conservation purposes under General Laws Chapter 40, Sec. 8C, as amended, and that the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for said acquisition of the following described parcel of land:

. . . land in Reading on the Westerly side of Haverhill Street and being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeasterly corner thereof, at land of Leon A. Diamont et ux, and thence running Westerly by the wall and land of said Diamont, a distance of 92.50 feet to an angle;

Thence continuing Westerly by the wall and land of Edward J. Meuse et ux and land of Ralph A. Nelson et ux, a distance of 160.00 feet to an angle;

Thence continuing Westerly by the wall and land of said Nelson and land of Gerald W. Corindia et ux, a distance of 239.55 feet to a drill hole at an angle;

Thence turning and running Southwesterly by the wall and land of Walter C. Nicholson, a distance of 78.62 feet to an angle;

Thence continuing Southwesterly, a distance of 104.00 feet to a drill hole at an angle;

Thence Southwesterly still by the wall and land of said Nicholson, a distance of 163.50 feet to a drill hole at said Nicholson's most westerly corner;

Thence Westerly by land of Daniel G. Webster, a distance of 20.54 feet to the end of the wall;

Thence continuing Westerly and all by land of the Amy Batchelder Estate, a distance of 95.53 feet to an iron pipe at the end of a wall;

Thence continuing Westerly by the wall the following distances, 83.56 feet, 55.17 feet, 102.69 feet, and 14.40 feet to the end of the wall.

Thence continuing Westerly, a distance of 184.36 feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of Stevens;

Thence Northerly, a distance of 792.00 feet, more or less, to the North Reading line;

Thence Easterly by the North Reading line, a distance of 185.00 feet, more or less, to a ditch;

Thence Southerly by the ditch, a distance of 42.22 feet, more or less to another ditch;

Thence again Easterly by the last named ditch and land now or formerly of Watson, a distance of 617.99 feet, more or less, to an angle;

Thence continuing Easterly by the North Reading line by land of said Watson and land of James Vivace et ux, a distance of 524.00 feet, more or less, to said Haverhill Street;

Thence Southwesterly by said Haverhill Street, a distance of 435.10 feet, more or less, to a stone bound;

Thence continuing Southwesterly by said Haverhill Street on a curve to the left on a radius of 951.63 feet, an arc of 165.57 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel being shown as Lots 1 through 6 on a plan of a portion of Bear Meadow made for the Conservation Commission of the Town of Reading made under date of June 12, 1971, by H. Kingman Abbott, Registered Surveyor, and said plan includes Lots 3 and 4, which have previously been acquired by the Town under Article 27, at the Adjourned Town Meeting March 21, 1970. Said plan being on file in the office of said Commission.

135 voted in the affirmative

0 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 28. On motion of Nancy Wilson Anderson it was voted that the town acquire by purchase, deed of gift, dedication, or otherwise for Conservation purposes under General Laws Chapter 40, Sec. 8C, as amended, and that the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for said acquisition of the following described parcel of land:

Description of the Dominic Zelano et ux lot out of Land Court Case No. 761-D lying approximately 150 feet northerly from Pearl Street.

. . . beginning at the Southwesterly corner of the premises at the Southeasterly corner of land of Reginald C. Demers et ux and at a cement bound.

From thence the line runs Northerly by land of said Demers, a distance of 85.75 feet to land of John Spofford Floyd et ux;

Thence Easterly by said Floyd, a distance of 99.44 feet to an angle;

Thence Northeasterly still by said Floyd, a distance of 68.78 feet to drill hole in the wall at a Lane and other land of Dominic

Zelano et ux;

Thence Southerly by said wall and said Lane and other land of said Zelano, a distance of 128.84 feet, more or less, to a corner in the wall;

Thence Westerly by land to be retained by said Zelano, a distance of 154 feet, more or less, to the cement bound at the point of beginning.

Containing about 16,100 sq. ft. of land, more or less, and being the Northerly portion of Lot 10 as shown on Plat 237 of the Assessors maps of the Town of Reading.

Said lot to be more fully shown on a plan to be made for the Massachusetts Land Court under Case No. 761D.

Description of the Dominic Zelano et ux lot lying out of Land Court Case 3061A and a separate lot adjoining.

. . . beginning at the Southeasterly corner of the premises at a drill hole in the wall at Pearl Street and at the Southwesterly corner of land of Miriam E. Corey.

From thence the line runs Westerly by said Pearl Street, a distance of 32.43 feet, more or less, to land to be retained by Dominic Zelano et ux, being numbered 739 Pearl Street.

Thence Northerly by land so retained 120 feet;

Thence Westerly by land so retained, a distance of 209 feet, more or less, to a wall at Land Court Case No. 761-D;

Thence Northerly by said wall, a distance of 128.84 feet, more or less, to a drill hole at land of Henry P. DeSimone et ux;

Thence turning slightly to the left and still by said wall and land of said DeSimone, a distance of 235 feet, more or less, to an angle;

Thence Westerly by the wall and land of the said DeSimone, a distance of 144.74 feet, more or less, to land of Malcolm E. Larkin et ux;

Thence running Northerly by the wall and the several lands

of said Larkin, David A. Ripa et ux, and Josephine Mattera, a distance of 603.50 feet, more or less, to a corner in the wall at land of Arthur L. Collins et ux;

Thence by the wall and land of said Collins the following courses:

Easterly 442.40 feet
Northerly 53.50 feet
Easterly 165.25 feet
and Northerly 185.75 feet

to a corner of the wall and ditch at Bear Meadow;

Thence Easterly by land of the Town of Reading, a distance of 330 feet, more or less, to other land of said Town, that was formerly owned by said Miriam E. Corey;

Thence Southwesterly by a wall and last mentioned land, a distance of 646 feet, more or less, to a corner;

Thence Westerly by said land and wall, a distance of 225 feet, more or less, to a corner of the wall;

Thence Southwesterly across the field by said last mentioned land, a distance of 252 feet, more or less, to a drill hole at the Northwesterly corner of said land of Miriam E. Corey;

Thence Southerly by the wall and land of said Corey, a distance of 192.34 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Said land containing approximately 15 acres and being the entire Lot 12, the northerly portion of Lot 11, and the greater portion of Lot 1 as shown on Plat 237 of the Assessors maps of the Town of Reading.

Said land is subject to a Right of Way over a portion of the premises for the benefit of adjoining owners, John Spofford Floyd et ux and the said Henry P. DeSimone et ux and said lot to be more fully shown on a plan to be made for the Massachusetts Land Court under Case No. 3061B.

ARTICLE 29. On motion of John H. Russell it was voted that the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$10,400.00)

be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purpose of improving and constructing Chapter 90 Highway, together with such funds as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 30. On motion of John H. Russell it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purpose of maintaining, repairing and resurfacing the streets constructed under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, together with such funds as may be provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the County of Middlesex.

ARTICLE 31. On motion of Paul C. Dustin, as amended by Nils L. Nordberg, it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund (P. L. 92-512) for the purpose of maintaining, improving and constructing facilities in the parks and playgrounds, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 32. On motion of Nathan C. White it was voted that the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) be raised and appropriated for the construction of sanitary sewers, sewerage work and other sewer facilities, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and to meet said appropriation, that the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and that the sum of Seven Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Dollars (\$784,000.00) be raised by borrowing and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be and he hereby is, authorized to borrow said Seven Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Dollars (\$784,000.00) and to issue at one time or from time to time bonds or notes of the Town for said Seven Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Dollars (\$784,000.00) payable in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that each issue shall be paid in not more than thirty (30) years from its date or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine, said bonds or notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen, and that the Board of Public Works be, and it hereby is, authorized to proceed with the construction of said sewers, sewerage work and other sewer facilities and enter into all contracts and agreements with respect thereto and to do all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

142 voted in the affirmative

0 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 33. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds or otherwise, and appropriate for the purpose of entering into contractual agreement for the disposal of rubbish, etc., from other than the Town of Reading, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Malcolm E. Reed it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 34. On motion of Malcolm E. Reed it was voted that the sum of Fifty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purchase by the Board of Public Works of the following:

One (1) new Payloader

Two (2) new eight ton trucks with dump body and hoist

One (1) new sand spreader

and that the Board of Public Works be, and it hereby is authorized and empowered to sell, or transfer, or exchange, upon such terms and conditions as it may determine

One (1) 1968 Hough Payloader

One (1) 1963 White eight ton Dump Truck

One (1) 1963 Mack eight ton Dump Truck

One (1) 1966 Econ-O-mizer Spreader

and the proceeds from such sales, exchanges, or transfers are to be appropriated in addition to the aforementioned Fifty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$57,000.00) for the purchase of the aforementioned equipment.

ARTICLE 35. On motion of Lawrence R. Blood it was voted that the sum of Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-two and Ninety-hundredths Dollars (\$6,172.90) be transferred from the Chapter 679 Road Construction Account voted under Article 39 at the Annual Town Meeting, March, 1966, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-seven and Ninety-hundredths Dollars (\$12,287.90) be transferred from the Chapter 616 Construction Account voted under Article 39 at the Annual

Town Meeting, March, 1968, and such sums aggregating Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty and Eighty-hundredths Dollars (\$18,460.80) to be appropriated for improving and reconstructing Town Public Ways, such sums to be spent by, and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and in such locations as the Board of Public Works may deem advisable, and that the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is, authorized, empowered and instructed to transfer such amounts to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 36. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds or otherwise, and appropriate for the purpose of purchasing a new street sweeper, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Lawrence R. Blood it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 37. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing, or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds or otherwise and appropriate for expenses of the Board of Public Works, including consulting engineering services, surveys, preliminary plans, designs, final plans and estimates for a Master Drainage Study of the Town, such funds to be spent by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Lawrence R. Blood it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 38. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing, or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds or otherwise and appropriate for expenses of the Board of Public Works, including consulting engineering services, surveys, preliminary plans, design, contracts, specifications, final plans and estimates for an addition and modifications to the Public Works Garage, such sums to be spent by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Lawrence R. Blood it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 39. On motion of Lawrence R. Blood it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the layout of a Private Way known as COLONIAL DRIVE and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-six Dollars (\$1,256.00)

be transferred from the Spruce Road Betterment Account appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works and that the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is, authorized, empowered and instructed to transfer such sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 40. On motion of Paul C. Dustin it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the layout of a Private Way known as Breton Circle and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Four Hundred Sixty-four Dollars (\$464.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 41. On motion of Malcolm E. Reed it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the layout of a Private Way known as BREWER LANE and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Six Hundred Forty-five Dollars (\$645.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said Way, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 42. On motion of John H. Russell it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the layout of a Private Way known as Collins Avenue and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$910.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 43. On motion of Nathan C. White it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the layout of a Private Way known as DANA ROAD EXTENSION and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Ninety and Thirty-five Hundredths Dollars (\$90.35) be transferred from the Spruce Road Betterment Account, and that the sum of One Hundred Fifty-five and Thirteen Hundredths Dollars (\$155.13) be transferred from the Osborne Road Betterment Account and that the sum of One Hundred Twenty and Fifty-two Hundredths Dollars (\$120.52) be raised from the tax levy, and that these sums aggregating Three Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$366.00) be appropriated for the laying out and construction of said way, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works and that the Town

Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to transfer such sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of Andrew B. White it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by Andrew B. White, of the Planning Board, which was accepted as a report of progress:

PLANNING BOARD REPORT — Hearing of March 8, 1973

In accordance with Chapter 40A, Section 6, of the General Laws, a public hearing was held on Thursday, March 8, 1973, regarding a proposed change in the Zoning By-Laws to re-zone the area on South Main Street described in Article 44 of the Warrant from a Residence A1 District to a Business A District. Of the people attending the hearing, 31 registered in opposition to the change and 3 registered in favor of the change.

Those in opposition to the change were concerned, among other things, with a possible decrease in adjacent residential property values, parking and traffic problems, and drainage problems. Those in favor stressed the improvements which would be made in the property to be re-zoned with a resulting increase in the taxes paid to the Town, and the recommendation of the Master Plan that this portion of South Main Street be re-zoned for business use.

The Planning Board feels that it may be desirable for the Town at some point in the future to re-zone part of the South Main Street area for business. However, the Board does not feel that the Town would derive enough benefit at this time from the re-zoning of the land in question to justify that re-zoning in the face of overwhelming opposition from the adjacent property owners.

The Planning Board, therefore, unanimously recommends that Article 44 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Andrew B. White it was voted that Article 2 be laid on the table.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws and the Zoning Map of the Town by changing the following described parcels from Residence A-1 to Business A. District:

Land on Main Street in Reading bounded Northerly by the existing Business District at the Southern boundary of land now or formerly owned by Mario and Majorie A. Bertone (as shown on the Reading Assessors Map as Lot No. 4 Plat No. 27), Westerly by the center line of Main Street; Southerly by the Northerly bound of Cross Street; and Easterly by a line which is 150 feet from and parallel to the center line of Main Street. Said parcels to be re-zoned are shown as all or portions of Lots No. 1, 2, 3, and 3a on said Plat 27, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Raymond R. Couture it was voted that this Article be laid on the table.

ARTICLE 45. On motion of Neil H. Murray it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for the purpose of renovating or repairing the roof and appurtenant areas of the Reading Memorial High School, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the School Construction Committee.

On motion of Robert M. Graham it was voted to reconsider Article 44.

ARTICLE 44. Robert M. Graham moved to amend the Zoning By-Laws and the Zoning Map of the Town by changing the following described parcels from Residence A-1 to Business A District:

Land on Main Street in Reading bounded Northerly by the existing Business District at the Southern boundary of land now or formerly owned by Mario and Marjorie A. Bertone (as shown on the Reading Assessors Map as Lot No. 4 Plat No. 27), Westerly by the center line of Main Street; Southerly by the Northern bound of Cross Street; and Easterly by a line which is 150 feet from and parallel to the center line of Main Street. Said parcels to be re-zoned are shown as all or portions of Lots No. 1, 2, 3, and 3a on said Plat 27.

This motion did not pass. 0 voted in the affirmative

144 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 47. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-three Dollars (\$3,223.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for Child Welfare Work, to be expended under the direction of the Combined Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., and the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 48. On motion of Paul C. Nicholas it was voted that the subject matter of Article 48 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and hereby is authorized to install such additional street lights as in its judgement are required, and to make such changes in the size, type and location of existing street lights, as it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the plant.

ARTICLE 49. Paul C. Nichols moved that the town authorize the Municipal Light Board, on behalf of the town for Municipal Light purposes for constructing, maintaining and operating thereon an electric power substation and electric transmission and distribution facilities together with equipment, structures and accessories as are appurtenant thereto, to take land herein-after described in fee or rights of easement therefore by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as amended, or acquire said land in fee or rights of easement therein by purchase or otherwise and to make entry for the purpose of construction before all claims for damages by reason thereof shall have been finally adjusted or determined.

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of the highway at the land of Josephine Mattera, thence by said highway N 00° 55' 45" W., 208.76 feet to a point at land of Arthur L. and Hazel Y. Collins.

Thence by said Collins land S 74° 16' 31" E, 788.02 feet to a point;

Thence, still by Collins property, N 46° 13' 05" E, 946 feet, more or less, to the town line of Reading and North Reading and land of the Town of North Reading;

Thence by said town line S 43° 58' 33" E, 231 feet, more or less, to a point at land of the Town of Reading;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading S 46° 13' 05" W, 317 feet, more or less, to a point at a ditch;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading, along a ditch

by five courses as follows:

S 68° 06' 21" W, 69.98 feet; S 51° 38' 19" W, 50.27 feet;

S 44° 48' 02" W, 233.15 feet; S 47° 53' 57" W, 220.39 feet;

S 45° 04' 39" W, 35.00 feet; to a point at a stone wall at land of Dominic and Louise C. Zelano.

Thence by said land of Zelano along a stone wall, by four courses as follows:

S 10° 34' 39" W, 185.76 feet; N 66° 56' 40" W, 166.67 feet;

S 25° 57' 19" W, 53.50 feet; N 61° 58' 00" W, 443.15 feet to a drill hole at land of theaforementioned Mattera.

Thence by said Mattera land still along a stonewall, by three courses as follows:

N 74° 30' 49" W, 27.43 feet; N 73° 48' 13" W, 254.49 feet;

N 77° 01' 18" W, 41.35 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel to contain 9.4 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Reading, Massachusetts prepared for Reading Municipal Light Department" Scale 1" equals 80' and dated January 11, 1973 — Dana F. Perkins and Sons, Inc., Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Reading — Lowell, Massachusetts. and that the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) be transferred from Municipal Light Department Depreciation Account and be appropriated for the purposes of this vote.

This motion did not pass. 89 voted in the affirmative

47 voted in the negative

(2/3 vote required)

On motion of Edouard N. Dube it was voted to take Article 61 from the table.

ARTICLE 61. On motion of Edouard N. Dube it was voted that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be transferred from the Cemetery Reserve Fund, and that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) be raised from the tax levy, and that such sums, totalling Twenty-five Thousand Dollars

(\$25,000.00) be appropriated for the continued development of Forest Glen and Charles Street Cemeteries, including site clearing, the construction of drainage, the extension of the road system, the water system and the preparation of lots for sale.

On motion of Paul C. Nicholas it was voted to reconsider Article 49.

96 voted in the affirmative

33 voted in the negative

(2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 49. On motion of Paul C. Nicholas it was voted that the Town authorize the Municipal Light Board, on behalf of the town for Municipal Light purposes for construction, maintaining and operating thereon an electric power substation and electric transmission and distribution facilities together with equipment, structures and accessories as are appurtenant thereto, to take land hereinafter described in fee or rights of easement therefore by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as amended, or acquire said land in fee or rights of easement therein by purchase or otherwise and to make entry for the purpose of construction before all claims for damages by reason thereof shall have been finally adjusted or determined.

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of the highway at the land of Josephine Mattera, thence by said highway N 00° 55' 45" W, 208.76 feet, to a point at land of Arthur L. and Hazel Y. Collins.

Thence by said Collins land S 74° 16' 31" E, 788.02 feet to a point;

Thence still be Collins property, N 46° 13' 05" E, 946 feet, more or less, to the town line of Reading and North Reading and land of the Town of North Reading;

Thence by said town line, S 43° 58' 33" E, 231 feet, more or less, to a point at land of the Town of Reading;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading, S 46° 13' 05" W, 317 feet, more or less, to a point at a ditch;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading, along a ditch by five courses as follows:

S 68° 06' 21" W, 69.98 feet; S 51° 38' 19" W, 50.27 feet;

S 44° 48' 02" W, 233.15 feet; S 47° 53' 57" W, 220.39 feet;

S 45° 04' 39" W, 35.00 feet; to a point at a stone wall at land of Dominic and Louise C. Zelano.

Thence by said land of Zelano along a stone wall, by four courses as follows:

S 10° 34' 39" W, 185.76 feet; N. 66° 56' 40" W, 166.67 feet;

S 25° 57' 19" W, 53.50 feet; N. 61° 58' 00" W, 443.15 feet to a drill hole at land of the aforementioned Mattera;

Thence by said Mattera land, still along a stone wall by three courses as follows:

N 74° 30' 49" W, 27.43 feet; N 73° 48' 13" W, 254.49 feet;

N 77° 01' 18" W, 41.35 feet to the point of beginning

Said parcel to contain 9.4 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Reading, Massachusetts, prepared for Reading Municipal Light Department" Scale 1" equals 80' and dated January 11, 1973 -- Dana F. Perkins and Sons, Inc., Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Reading -- Lowell, Massachusetts. and that the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) be transferred from Municipal Light Department Depreciation Account and be appropriated for the purpose of this vote.

This motion did not pass.

89 voted in the affirmative

47 voted in the negative.

(2/3 vote required)

On motion of Edouard N. Dubé it was voted to take Article 61 from the table.

ARTICLE 61. On motion of Edouard N. Dubé it was voted that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) be transferred from the Cemetery Reserve Fund, and that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) be raised from the tax levy, and that such sums, totalling Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) be appropriated for the continued development of Forest Glen and Charles Street Cemeteries, including site

clearing, the construction of drainage, the extension of the road system, the water system and the preparation of lots for sale.

On motion of Paul C. Nicholas it was voted to reconsider Article 49.

96 voted in the affirmative

33 voted in the negative

(2/3 vote required)

ARTICLE 49. On motion of Paul C. Nicholas it was voted that the Town authorize the Municipal Light Board, on behalf of the town for Municipal Light purposes for constructing, maintaining and operating thereon an electric power substation and electric transmission and distribution facilities together with equipment, structures and accessories as are appurtenant thereto, to take land hereinafter described in fee or rights of easement therefore by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as amended, or acquire said land in fee or rights of easement therein by purchase or otherwise and to make entry for the purpose of construction before all claims for damages by reason thereof shall have been finally adjusted or determined.

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of the highway at the land of Josephine Mattera, thence by said highway N 00° 55' 45" W, 208.76 feet, to a point at land of Arthur L. and Hazel Y. Collins.

Thence by said Collins land S 74° 16' 31" E, 788.02 feet to a point;

Thence still be Collins property, N 46° 13' 05" E, 946 feet, more or less, to the town line of Reading and North Reading and land of the Town of North Reading;

Thence by said town line, S 43° 58' 33" E, 231 feet, more or less, to a point at land of the Town of Reading;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading, S 46° 13' 05" W, 317 feet, more or less, to a point at a ditch;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading, along a ditch by five courses as follows:

S 68° 06' 21" W, 69.98 feet; S 51° 38' 19" W, 50.27 feet;

S 44° 48' 02" W, 233.15 feet; S 47° 53' 57" W, 220.39 feet;

S 45° 04' 39" W, 35.00 feet, to a point at a stone wall at land of Dominic and Louise C. Zelano;

Thence by said land of Zelano along a stone wall, by four courses as follows:

S 10° 34' 39" W, 185.76 feet; N 66° 56' 40" W, 166.67 feet;

S 25° 57' 19" W, 53.50 feet; N 61° 58' 00" W, 443.15 feet to a drill hole at land of the aforementioned Mattera;

Thence by said Mattera land, still along a stonewall by three courses as follows:

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and that the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) be transferred from Municipal Light Department Depreciation Account and be appropriated for the purpose of this vote.

98 voted in the affirmative

34 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 51. On motion of David F. Ham it was voted that Article XXIV, entitled "Personnel" of the General By-Laws of the Town of Reading, be amended as follows:

Sections 1 through 5 be renumbered Sections 2 through 6 and the following paragraph be added as Section 1:

Section 1. There shall be a Personnel Board consisting of five members as follows: one member of the Finance Committee, such member to be chosen by the Finance Committee, and four members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and who shall be citizens of the town, but who shall not be Town Officers nor employees of the town, except that they may be Town Meeting Members.

ARTICLE 52. On motion of James J. Sullivan, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$36,223.00) be transferred from Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund, and that the sum of Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$213,777.00) be raised from the tax levy, and that such sums totalling Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) be appropriated for the purpose of Reserve Fund, and that the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 53. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds or otherwise and appropriate for the purpose of paying a bill submitted by the firm of Keaton and Robinson for accounting services in reconciliation of various town checking accounts or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of James J. Sullivan, Jr., it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 54. On motion of James J. Sullivan, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund (P.L. 92-512) and appropriated for the purpose of engaging a consultant or consultants to study and review and to report to the town on financial operations and procedures of town boards, departments and committees together with their recommendations, if any, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Finance Committee, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 55. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ARTICLE 56. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing, or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate for the purpose of engineering, survey, appraisal services and recording fees and expenses, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 57. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing, or from the tax levy or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate for the purpose of settling damage claims against the Town, such sums to be expended under the direction of the Law Committee, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 58. On motion of William E. Locke it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) be raised from the tax levy and appropriated for publishing for general circulation its 1973 valuation list for real estate, in compliance with Article VIII, Section 4, of the By-Laws of the Town of Reading, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Assessors.

On motion of Andrew B. White it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by Andrew B. White, for the Planning Board, which was accepted as a report of progress:

In the Planning Board's 1972 Report of Progress to the Annual Town Meeting, it was reported that the Board favors an updating and major revisions to the 1961 Master Plan.

Toward that end, the Planning Board has been meeting with other Town Officials during the past six months in order to establish a scope of work.

The Board has also met with the representatives of the State Department of Community Affairs to determine the availability of State and Federal funding.

As a result of our meetings and discussions, the Board initiated an Article for funding of a Master Plan, which is carried as Article 59 on the Warrant before you.

Upon meeting with the Finance Committee, it was voted by

the Finance Committee to not recommend the passage of this Article.

Although the Planning Board feels that there is a current need (which is becoming more urgent) for an updated Master Plan to constructively deal with long range use of the dump site, parking, apartment construction, business zoning, etc., we recognize the financial burden associated with the upcoming eighteen (18) month fiscal period and, therefore, will move to indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article 59.

On motion of Andrew B. White it was voted that Article 2 be laid on the table.

ARTICLE 59. To see what sum the Town will raise by borrowing, or from the tax levy, or transfer from available funds, or otherwise, and appropriate for the purpose of engaging a planning consultant to initiate and prepare a master plan, to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board, or what it will do in relation thereto.

On motion of Andrew B. White it was voted that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 60. On motion of Marvin M. Rosenthal, as amended by Ara A. Karakashian, it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund (P.L. 92-512) for the purpose of continuing the operation of the youth program at the Reading Community Center, to be expended by and under the direction of the Recreation Committee, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfer to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of James J. Sullivan, Jr., it was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Two Hundred One Dollars (\$355,201.00) be transferred from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund (P.L. 92-512) and the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$89,000.00) be raised from the tax levy, and that the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$65,223.00) be transferred from the Municipal Light Department Operating and Maintenance Account, and that the Town Accountant be, and he hereby is authorized, empowered and instructed to make such transfers to carry out the purpose of

this vote, and that said sums totalling Five Hundred Nine Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars (\$509,424.00) be appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System, to be divided as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund	\$492,624.00
Expense Fund	16,800.00
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	\$509,424.00

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by George A. Theophanis, Chairman of the Town Government Study Committee, which was accepted as a report of progress:

The Town Government Study Committee has formally met three times, and has attended several regular committee, board, and department head meetings. Our membership has recently been completed and we are presently engaged in formulating our study procedures.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of William C. Brown it was voted that the Board of Selectmen are instructed to realign the boundaries of the precincts before the next Annual Town Election, so as to conform to the one man one vote mandate of the Supreme Court and State Legislature.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Paul C. Nicholas it was voted that the Town adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Winifred F. Spurr has served the Town of Reading and its Municipal Light Department for the past eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, he has devoted many years of service to the

Town as a Town Meeting Member and on various Town Committees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body, on the occasion of the Annual Town Meeting for the year 1973, extend its thanks to Winifred F. Spurr for these many years of unselfish service and for his continuing concern for the Town and its welfare on his retirement from public office, and that this Resolution be spread upon the records of this meeting and that the Selectmen be instructed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to Winifred F. Spurr.

The Town Meeting responded to the Resolution with a rising vote of thanks to Winifred F. Spurr.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of George A. Theophanis it was voted that the Finance Committee be instructed to investigate the Federal Revenue Sharing Act and (1) determine the cost to the Town in lost future Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, due to the type of use enacted by this Town Meeting (2) determine the uses to which Federal Revenue Sharing Funds can be put, without jeopardizing any future such funds and (3) report to the Town at the next Town Meeting, Annual or Special, on the results of these investigations. Further, that the Finance Committee establish a policy for the use of future Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, which policy will best benefit the Town within the constraints and present interpretation by the Federal Government of the Federal Revenue Sharing Act, and present this policy at the next Town Meeting, Annual or Special.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned sine die at 5:30 P.M.

179 Town Meeting Members present in A.M.

167 Town Meeting Members present in P.M.

A true copy. Attest:

Lawrence Drew
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Reading Memorial High School Auditorium — September 24, 1973

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Kenneth C. Latham, at 8:00 P.M.

The invocation was given by Rev. Robert D. Samuelson of the First Congregational Church.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted to dispense with further reading of the Warrant, except the Constable's Return, which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The following report was read by Nathalie C. Beaton, Chairman, Council on Aging:

The Council on Aging is happy to submit herewith copies of its "Elderberries" newsletters of June 1st, covering programs for this past summer, and of September 1, 1973, covering the regularly scheduled activities for the elderly through June of 1974. These were mailed to citizens of Reading 65 years of age or over.

The Council wishes to particularly thank the Town of Reading for authorizing the purchase of a 12-passenger van at the March Town Meeting for the use of the Council on Aging. This comfortable and very good looking vehicle has now been in operation for several weeks. It is proving to be wonderfully helpful in all phases of our work. Because of it more senior citizens are participating in our various programs. Attached to this report are two pictures from the Reading Chronicle of August 16th showing the van. The elderly themselves are delighted with it and keep telling us how grateful they are.

It was voted that this report be accepted as a report of progress.

The following report was read by Lawrence R. Blood, Board of Public Works:

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE READING WATER SYSTEM

The Board of Public Works wishes to submit a report of progress on the improvements to the Reading Water System authorized by the Annual Town Meeting of March 1972. The work in progress is as follows:

1. Work on the continuous sludge collection and removal

equipment at the Treatment Plant is well under way and it appears that this work will be completed by the end of December 1973.

2. Improvements to the main pumping station at the Treatment Plant are under contract and it is estimated that this work will be completed by June 1974.
3. The construction of the gravel well in the Town Forest has been completed and the contract for installing the pump and building the station is now under way and it is estimated that this work will be completed by May 1974.
4. The pipe line from the new Town Forest well has been completed.
5. The construction of the underground power line has also been completed.
6. The pipe line from the Revay Wells to the Treatment Plant is well under way and will be completed by December 1973.
7. The conversion of the pump at the Revay Well to deliver water to the Treatment Plant rather than into the distribution main will not begin until all other phases of the project are completed. It is estimated that this work will be completed by early Fall 1974.

It was voted that this report be accepted as a report of progress.

The following report was read by Richard J. Ogden, Vice-Chairman, Finance Committee:

REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

In March the Town Meeting authorized the Finance Committee to appropriate \$20,000 for the Finance Committee to engage consultants to study and review and subsequently report on financial operations and procedures of Town Boards, Departments and Committees. In June the Finance Committee appointed a subcommittee to work with a subcommittee of the Town Government Study Committee to select the consultant for this work. We prepared a request for proposal which stated, in part, that:

"The study, which is the subject of this request for proposal, will concentrate mainly on the mechanics of the Town's business procedures. The objectives of the study are to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Town government operations with particular emphasis on meeting the needs of the citizens and Town officials on a timely basis. The study will include the entire range of government operations with the goal of seeking new and improved methods of doing business. . ."

In addition, our proposal listed eight areas which we felt would be helpful in assisting the Finance Committee and in improving the operation of Town government:

1. Fiscal administration
2. Procurement administration
3. Property management
4. Facilities management
5. Personnel management
6. Planning and budgeting
7. Data processing
8. Communications

In mid-July the request for proposal was submitted to nine consultant firms asking for responses by August 13. We received three responses, one from Arthur D. Little of Cambridge; one from Municipal Consultant Services of Canton; and one from Peat, Marwick & Mitchell of Boston. For purposes of its proposal, Peat, Marwick & Mitchell agreed to combine its efforts with Charles M. Evans & Associates, Management Consultants.

The two subcommittees reviewed the three proposals, conducted interviews with the three firms, and unanimously selected Peat, Marwick & Mitchell. The decision to select Peat, Marwick & Mitchell was based on the following factors, its scope was much more detailed than the other two respondents; its level of effort in terms of management was as great as one respondent and greater than the other; and the committee felt that Peat, Marwick & Mitchell's strong reputation in the area of financial man-

agement blended extremely well with Charles M. Evans' extensive background of assisting municipal governments in the areas of personnel, and property and facilities management.

Last week the Finance Committee entered into a fixed price contract of \$20,000 with Peat, Marwick & Mitchell to perform the work outlined in our request for proposal. The contract calls for Peat, Marwick & Mitchell to submit its final report in approximately 22 weeks. Peat, Marwick & Mitchell's approach calls for active participation and cooperation of Town officials. In this regard, Mrs. Joyce Miller, the Town Librarian, has been designated to coordinate Peat, Marwick & Mitchell's day-to-day study efforts. In addition, a steering committee, comprised of members of the Finance Committee, the Town Government Study Committee, and Department heads, is being formed to provide assistance during the review. The Finance Committee will maintain overall cognizance of the project and will receive periodic progress reports from Peat, Marwick & Mitchell during the course of the engagement.

It was voted that this report be accepted as a report of progress.

The following report was read by George A. Theophanis for the Town Government Study Committee:

INTERIM REPORT —

TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Town Government Study Committee organized on January 23, 1973, with five members and was subsequently expanded to seven members. A study plan consisting of three phases was adopted. The first phase is fact finding, with the intent being to acquaint the members of the Committee with the form and function of all arms and agencies of the government, how the government derives its powers from the State, and the relationship between Town Government and the State, the County and other super-municipal agencies.

The second phase is the identification of problems within the present structure. Both existing and incipient problems would be identified and common roots sought. The third phase is the formulation of recommended changes. This phase includes the obtaining of reactions and suggestions to tentative recommendations through interviews and hearings, the preparation of a pro-

gram to implement the changes, and a final report. The Committee is presently in the second phase.

At the time when this plan was first established, a set of tentative milestones was put forth. It was felt that a final report could be presented by December of 1974. This was based on the assumption that no significant overlapping of phases would occur. Considerable overlapping has in fact occurred, and it is now possible that the work will end as early as June. This could be classed as an optimistic date. However, both dates are stated so that this body will be as well informed as possible as to when to expect our report.

The Committee has held a total of sixteen formal meetings and numerous individual interviews. Most of these meetings were in the nature of fact finding with members of the Town Government community as guests. Contacts have been made with the State Department of Community Affairs and with officials of several other towns similar to Reading. A library has been compiled, and contains numerous studies from both the public and private sectors, special legislative acts, excerpts from the General Laws, data concerning Reading, other town charters, and many articles on municipal government.

At present the Committee is conducting a series of panel discussions with the members of various sectors of the community. Plans for the immediate future are to consult with various boards and committees.

An additional function of the Committee has been the participation in the conduct of the operations study to be performed by a consultant acting for the Finance Committee. A three member subcommittee has been established for this purpose and will act primarily as an observer to report useful results to the remainder of the Committee.

Preliminary Observations

Although it is early yet to draw conclusions, certain impressions have been clearly gained by a consensus of the Committee. Noted first is the existence of an ever increasing degree of apathy in regards to community government in Reading. We mention this first because it is a death knell to the form of government that Reading now enjoys. This is a participation form of government, and can survive only through open and vigorous political activity, in which the town as a whole participates. The apathy we observe exists to a larger degree in Reading than in most

other towns. It is not only confined to the voters, but also exists within the government, particularly this body. Not only are there fewer voters, but there are also fewer candidates. Apathy has been excused as contentment, where its cause is more likely ignorance of the issues. It alone is enough to cause serious thought to departing entirely from the town form of government.

However, those of us who have influxed to Reading, particularly from large cities, and those of us who have been born and raised in the New England tradition of participation government have strong instincts, and with good reason, to cling to this tradition. With this powerful consensus behind it, the Committee's hope and aim is to preserve the Town Meeting system in some form — this, despite a constitutional amendment permitting towns over 12,000 population to become cities, the urgings of many legislators and municipal experts for towns of over 20,000 to become cities, and an embryonic but growing trend for towns to do away with town meeting.

Our words "hope and aim" are not chosen casually in light of the recent degeneration of the Town Meeting that the Committee has observed. It was not long ago that the Town Meeting membership was increased to accommodate all those running for a limited number of seats. Now vacancies exist at the close of nominations. Precinct meetings are no longer held. Town Government does less to inform Town Meeting members, and Town Meeting members do less to inform themselves. The quality and quantity of debate bears less and less relationship to the importance of the issues. If this trend continues, Town Meeting will no longer be a viable body. It has been said that television has killed Town Meeting. We hope this is not true, for it is too valuable an asset to waste.

There is little doubt in the minds of the Committee members that a strong central authority is a necessity in Reading's government. Diffusion of authority is a characteristic of governments having long ballots. The various elected officials feel primarily responsible to the voters, and any coordination between them or their administrations occurs on an informal individual basis. Should conflicts occur, coordination ceases. Reading has been extremely fortunate in the caliber of its administrative personnel. However, the size and complexity of this multimillion dollar operation is beginning to tell on the informal structure. The results are some confusion in the times of authority, a deficiency in intragovernmental communications, and a lack of policy coordination. This has tended to decrease the access and responsiveness of the government to the people. Just what form a stronger

central authority should take is still an open issue in the minds of the Committee.

A final observation on which the Committee feels strongly at this time is the lack of long range planning, both fiscal and otherwise. It is felt that this is partly an outgrowth of the previous observation (the diffusion of authority) and partly a failing on the part of the political leadership. That is to say, there has been better long range planning in the past. Today there is scant evidence of a policy promulgated by the leadership on fiscal priorities, land usage, community, commercial and industrial development, social aims or development of services. Such planning is necessary if the town is to progress as the people desire, rather than in a haphazard manner as business opportunities or individual interests arise.

Remarks

The Committee has attempted, through the good offices of the Reading Chronicle, to inform the public of its progress and its near term schedule. It wishes to express its thanks to the Chronicle for the space it has made available for our use. Unfortunately, the numerous invitations that the Committee has extended to the public to attend our meetings, particularly the panel discussions, have been almost completely ignored.

The Committee would now like to utilize this forum to extend an invitation to members of this body and non-members alike to attend our meetings or to contact members of the Committee with questions or expressions of your opinions.

George A. Theophanis, Chairman
Sandra E. Gray
Theo M. Johnson
Jack G. Cairl
Corliss T. VanHorn
Malcolm S. White, Jr.
Donald R. Walker

It was voted that this report be accepted as a report of progress.

The following report was read by William H. Parker, III, for the Municipal Light Department:

REPORT ON CABLE TELEVISION — (CATV)

The following is a brief report from the RMLB relative to its position on cable television in Reading. As you may know we have done some background work with CATV and have pursued developments from a State level. About a year ago, we had a limited study done for us to determine whether or not our electric utility operation and a cable television operation would be compatible. This report was in general and broad terms, however it did give the Light Board an insight into cable television insofar as a Municipally owned electrical utility was concerned. Copies of this report were made available to the Board of Selectmen. We understand they have used it for general guidelines along with the State Cable Television Commission's Regulations.

Our position is as follows:

1. The Light Board feels that the RMLD can handle the technical aspects of Cable Television. While there may not be immediate dove-tailing of operations, information available indicates that ultimately our electric utility operation and cable television would be compatible.
2. Since we are a Town Department, we feel that there should be a definitive expression from the town as to whether or not, you want the Light Department to handle the technical aspects of CATV. Programming, etc. should be handled by a different body.
3. If the expression is affirmative, we will place an Article in the next Town Meeting Warrant to appropriate sufficient funds to do an in-depth study. Light Department funds by statute cannot be used for this purpose.

As the Board of Selectment are aware, State Regulations require a Town must appoint a citizen's CATV Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee must produce policy recommendations concerning a number of technical, administrative and social questions. The Light Board stands ready to cooperate with this Advisory Committee and to assist them in the development of information which will be required in order to hold hearings and ultimately issue a CATV license.

In summary, the RMLB is very interested in CATV, however, it feels it must be directed by this Town Meeting. Town Counsel Connors and Board Member Crooker have represented the Town and the Light Department at informal meetings with the Massa-

chusetts Cable Television Commission. Manager Rhinerson and members of the Municipal Light Department staff have also attended a number of seminars on CATV.

The Department and Board feel qualified in pursuing a Cable Television operation for the Town if so instructed.

It was voted that this report be accepted as a report of progress.

ARTICLE 1. William H. Parker, III, moved that the town vote to enlarge the Municipal Electric Lighting Plant and that the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) be and hereby is appropriated for the enlargement of the Municipal Electric Lighting Plant by the construction of a substation and facilities appurtenant thereto and to meet such appropriation, the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) at one time or from time to time under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(8), of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes therefor and the Municipal Light Board is hereby authorized to proceed with the construction and to enter into all contracts and agreements in respect thereto, and to do all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

On motion of Carl H. Amon, Jr., it was voted to lay Article 1 on the table.

ARTICLE 2. William H. Parker, III, moved that the following vote be adopted: That the Board of Selectmen, upon the written request of the Municipal Light Board, on behalf of the Town, is hereby authorized to take the land hereinafter described in fee or rights of easement therein by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as amended, or to acquire said land in fee or rights of easement therein by purchase or otherwise, for municipal light purposes, including the constructing, maintaining and operating thereon of an electric power substation and electric transmission and distribution facilities, together with equipment, structures and accessories appurtenant thereto; that entry thereon by employees, agents, lessees or licensees of the Town, for the purpose of construction and operation before all claims for damages by reason of such acquisition shall have been finally adjusted or determined be permitted; that the care, custody, management and control of such land be placed in the charge of the Municipal Light Board; and that the Municipal Light Board be authorized to lease and/or grant easements in such land to carry out the purposes of this vote; the aforesaid land being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of the highway at the land of Josephine Mattera, thence by said highway N 00° 55' 45" W, 208.76 feet to a point at land of Arthur L. and Hazel Y. Collins;

Thence to said Collins land S 74° 16' 31" E, 788.02 feet to a point;

Thence still by Collins property N 46° 13' 05" E, 946 feet, more or less, to the town line of Reading and North Reading and land of the Town of North Reading;

Thence by said town line S 43° 58' 33" E, 231 feet, more or less, to land of the Town of Reading, shown on a plan entitled "Plan of a Portion of Bare Meadow, Reading, Mass., Surveyed for the Conservation Comm. of the Town of Reading" dated November 1970, by H. Kingman Abbott, Reg. Surveyor, recorded with the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds in Book 12169 following Page 724;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading S 46° 13' 05" W, 317 feet, mre or less, to a point at a ditch;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading, along a ditch by five courses as follows:

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to a point at a stone wall at land of Dominic and Louise C. Zelano;

Thence by said land of Zelano, along a stone wall, by four courses as follows:

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Thence by said Mattera land, still along a stone wall by three courses as follows:

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to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 9.4 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Reading, Massachusetts, prepared for Reading Municipal Light Department", Scale 1" equals 80', and dated August 30, 1973, by Dana F. Perkins and Sons, Inc., Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Reading-Lowell, Massachusetts, said plan to be recorded with the instrument by which said land is acquired pursuant to this vote;

and that the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) be transferred from the Municipal Light Department Depreciation Account and be appropriated for the purposes of such acquisition pursuant to this vote.

On motion of Lawrence S. Webster it was voted to lay Article 2 on the table.

On motion of Lawrence S. Webster it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of William H. Parker, III, it was voted that the town vote to enlarge the Municipal Electric Lighting Plant and that the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) be and hereby is appropriated for the enlargement of the Municipal Electric Lighting Plant by the construction of a substation and facilities appurtenant thereto and to meet such appropriation, the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) at one time or from time to time under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8(8), of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes therefor and the Municipal Light Board is hereby authorized to proceed with the construction and to enter into all contracts and agreements in respect thereto, and to do all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

105 voted in the affirmative

33 voted in the negative

On motion of Lawrence S. Webster it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of William H. Parker, III, it was voted in the negative that the following vote be adopted:

That the Board of Selectmen, upon the written request of the Municipal Light Board, on behalf of the Town, is hereby authorized to take the land hereinafter described in fee or rights of easement therein by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as amended, or to acquire said land in fee or rights of easement therein by purchase or otherwise, for Municipal Light purposes, including the constructing, maintaining and operating thereon of an electric power substation and electric transmission and distribution facilities, together with equipment, structures and accessories appurtenant thereto; that entry thereon by employees, agents, lessees or licensees of the Town, for the purpose of construction and operation before all claims for damages by reason of such acquisition shall have been finally adjusted or determined be permitted; that the care, custody, management and control of such land be placed in the charge of the Municipal Light Board; and that the Municipal Light Board be authorized to lease and/or grant easements in such land to carry out the purposes of this vote; the aforesaid land being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of the highway at the land of Josephine Mattera, thence by said highway N 00° 55' 45" W, 208.76 feet to a point at land of Arthur L. and Hazel Y. Collins;

Thence by said Collins land S 74° 16' 31" E, 788.02 feet to a point;

Thence still by Collins property N 46° 13' 05" E, 946 feet, more or less, to the town line of Reading and North Reading and land of the Town of North Reading;

Thence by said town line S 43° 58' 33" E, 231 feet, more or less to land of the Town of Reading, shown on a plan entitled "Plan of a Portion of Bare Meadow, Reading, Mass., Surveyed for the Conservation Comm. of the Town of Reading", dated November 1970, by H. Kingman Abbott, Reg. Surveyor, recorded with the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds in Book 12169 following Page 724;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading S 46° 13' 05"

W, 317 feet, more or less, to a point at a ditch;

Thence by said land of the Town of Reading, along a ditch by five courses as follows:

S 68° 06' 21" W, 69.98 feet

S 51° 38' 19" W, 50.27 feet

S 44° 48' 02" W, 233.15 feet

S 47° 53' 57" W, 220.39 feet

S 45° 04' 39" W, 35.00 feet

to a point at a stone wall at land of Dominic and Louise C. Zelano;

Thence by said land of Zelano, along a stone wall, by four courses as follows:

S 10° 34' 39" W, 185.76 feet

N 66° 56' 40" W, 166.67 feet

S 25° 57' 19" W, 53.50 feet

N 61° 58' 00" W, 443.15 feet

to a drill hole at land of the aforementioned Mattera;

Thence by said Mattera land, still along a stone wall by three courses as follows:

N 74° 30' 49" W, 27.43 feet

N 73° 48' 13" W, 254.49 feet

N 77° 01' 18" W, 41.05 feet

to the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 9.4 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Reading, Massachusetts, prepared for Reading Municipal Light Department", Scale 1" equals 80', and dated August 30, 1973, by Dana F. Perkins and Sons, Inc., Civil Engineers and Surveyors, Reading-Lowell, Massachusetts, said plan to be recorded with the instrument by which said land is acquired pursuant to this vote;

and that the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) be transferred from the Municipal Light Department Depreciation

Account and be appropriated for the purposes of such acquisition pursuant to this vote.

33 voted in the affirmative

101 voted in the negative

(two-thirds vote required)

Carl H. Amon, Jr. moved for Reconsideration of Article 1. This motion did not pass.

3 voted in the affirmative

120 voted in the negative

(two-thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Robert S. Cummings, as amended by Ralph J. Bens, Jr., it was voted that the By-Laws of the Town be amended by adding to Article XXI thereof, a new Section 6 reading as follows:

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Section 6. No person shall consume any alcoholic beverages as defined in Chapter 138 of the General Laws while on, in or upon any public way, public parking lot, or any publicly owned place not duly licensed for such purposes, including consumption while in or upon any vehicle on such way, lot or place. All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of this by-law shall be seized and safely held until final adjudication of the charges against the person or persons arrested or summoned before the Court, at which time they shall be returned to the person entitled to lawful possession.

108 voted in the affirmative

15 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the Town accept Chapter 40, Section 8G, of the General Laws, which permits cities and towns to enter into agreements for mutual police aid programs.

ARTICLE 5. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for Traffic Control—Schools, or take any other action with respect thereto.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the subject matter of Article 5 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that this meeting stand adjourned until Monday evening, October 1, 1973, at 8:00 P.M. to meet at the Reading Memorial High School Auditorium.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

154 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

Lawrence Drew

Town Clerk

ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Reading Memorial High School Auditorium October 1, 1973

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Kenneth C. Latham, at 8:00 P.M.

The invocation was given by Rev. Adrian R. Keeton of the Nazarene Church.

The Town Clerk read the Notice and his Return on posting the Notice of Proposed Reconsideration of Article 2, in accordance with Article II, Section 4, of the General By-Laws, of the Town, on vote passed at the Special Town Meeting held on September 24, 1973.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of William H. Parker, III, it was voted that Reconsideration of this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) be transferred

from Available Free Cash and be appropriated for the purchase by the Board of Selectmen of a new truck with protective screen and for the rebuilding of an existing dump body for transfer to the new truck for the Forestry Department and that the Board of Selectmen be and it hereby is authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as it may determine a 1960, 1½ ton truck now in the Forestry Department.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Edward P. Cameron it was voted that the sum of Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-nine Dollars (\$6,969) be transferred from Available Free Cash and be appropriated for the salary of the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Lawrence R. Blood it was voted that the sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) be transferred as follows:

\$60,241.46 from Public Works Garage Fire Loss Insurance
Recovery Account

29,758.54 from Available Free Cash

and that the said sum of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) be appropriated for expenses of the Board of Public Works, including architectural and engineering services, reconstruction of the fire damaged portion of the Department of Public Works Garage at 181 John Street and repairs to that garage, such sums to be spent by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Frank A. Smith, Jr., it was voted that the By-Laws be amended in Article XVI, Contracts, Section 6, by adding at the end thereof as follows:

This section and Section 5 shall not be applicable to purchase of textbooks by the School Department pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 48 of the General Laws or to the purchase of books and related materials for School Library and Public Library purposes unless the School Committee or the Board of Library Trustees deem it to be in the best interest or advantage of the Town.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Frank A. Smith, Jr., it was voted that the sum of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-one Dollars (\$19,381) be transferred from Public Law 874 Fund and be appropriated for the design and furnishing of a Fire Detection System in the original section of the Reading Memorial High School, such sum to be expended by and under the direction of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Edouard N. Dube it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300) be transferred from Available Free Cash and be appropriated for purchase of equipment to replace equipment stolen from the Cemetery Department and for the design and installation of a Burglar Alarm System in the garage in Laurel Hill Cemetery, such sums to be expended under the direction of the Board of Cemetery Trustees.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of James R. Boucher it was voted that the Conservation Commission be and it hereby is authorized on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, United States Department of the Interior for assistance under the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, Stat. 897 (1964) as it may be amended.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of James R. Boucher it was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, upon the written request of the Conservation Commission, on behalf of the Town, to acquire by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, as amended, or by deed of gift, purchase or otherwise, for conservation purposes under Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, that certain parcel of land shown as Lot 2 on the Town Assessors Plat 125, and containing 3.3 acres more or less, bounded and described as follows:

Being a certain parcel of swamp land lying easterly of Haverhill Street, beginning at the northwesterly corner thereof at an old post at land of James M. Fortunato et ux and thence running easterly by land formerly of Cox, a distance of 1152.50 feet, more or less, to a corner;

Thence southerly, a distance of 95 feet, more or less, to other land now or formerly of Cox;

Thence westerly by land formerly of said Cox and land formerly of Jonathan Frost, a distance of 1275.00 feet, more or less, to a metal pipe at land of the said Fortunato;

Thence northeasterly by said land of Fortunato, a distance of 193.09 feet to the post at the point of beginning.

Said parcel being shown on a plan compiled for the Conservation Commission of the Town of Reading made under date of May 1969 by H. Kingman Abbott, Registered Surveyor.

and that the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) be transferred from Available Free Cash and be appropriated for purpose of acquisition pursuant to this vote.

128 voted in the affirmative

0 voted in the negative

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Conservation Fund under General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission.

On motion of James R. Boucher it was voted that the subject matter of this Article be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Nancy Wilson Anderson it was voted that the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) be transferred as follows and be appropriated for updating the Conservation Plan and for preparation of a Wetlands Protection Map and amendment to the Zoning By-Laws, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission:

From Available Free Cash	\$2,000.00
And From Amounts Previously Appropriated From:	2,999.28
Article 15 Special Town Meeting, May 19, 1969	1.00
Article 16 Special Town Meeting, May 19, 1969	1.00
Article 2 Special Town Meeting, November 13, 1969	1.00
Article 3 Special Town Meeting, November 13, 1969	1.00
Article 4 Special Town Meeting, November 13, 1969	1,000.00
Article 56 Annual Town Meeting, 1969	1.00
Article 57 Annual Town Meeting, 1969	1.00
Article 12 Special Town Meeting, June 22, 1970	1.00
Article 13 Special Town Meeting, June 22, 1970	1.00
Article 27 Annual Town Meeting, 1970	250.00
Article 28 Annual Town Meeting, 1970	250.00
Article 14 Special Town Meeting, 1970	500.00
Article 7 Annual Town Meeting, 1972	1.00
Article 18 Annual Town Meeting, 1972	1.00
Article 19 Annual Town Meeting, 1972	1.00
Article 73 Annual Town Meeting, 1972	988.28

ARTICLE 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate to the Conservation Fund under General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8C, or take any other action with respect thereto.

On motion of Nancy Anderson it was voted that the subject matter of this Article be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Fred C. Kenney, Jr., it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned, sine die, at 10:02 P.M.

157 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

Lawrence Drew
Town Clerk

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

THE TOWN OFFICERS

of

The Town of Reading, Massachusetts

for the year ending

DECEMBER 31, 1973

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen was organized for the year 1973 with Fred C. Kenney, Jr., Chairman, Edward P. Cameron, Secretary, and Robert S. Cummings as third member, Mr. Richard Gould as Executive Secretary, and Mrs. Dorothy Maxwell as Secretary.

The Board initiated the extension of Group Life Insurance to retirees.

In addition to renewing existing package store and club licenses, the Board added one more package store license.

The resignation of the part-time Veterans' Agent made it necessary (by State Law) to hire a full-time Agent.

A Commission was established by the Board to plan the Town's celebration of the Bicentennial.

A civilian mechanic was added to the Fire Department who is also available for maintenance and repair of equipment of the Forestry and Cemetery Departments.

The Board sponsored enactment of legislation permitting Selectmen to adopt rules and regulations restricting the use of alcoholic beverages on public property.

Due to the services of a full-time Dog Officer, plus a part-time assistant, there has been only one complaint against dogs which required a public hearing by the Board of Selectmen.

This has been the year for the Board to perambulate the boundaries with the Selectmen of adjacent towns.

Steps have been taken to conserve energy during the present crisis, including the omission of the usual Christmas lighting display. A committee has been established by the Board to deal with emergency situations which may arise.

The Board has granted permission for various organizations in the town to use the Town Hall parking lot on week ends for paper recycling drives.

The usual licenses have been granted, and certificates of incorporation were approved for 16 Reading residents. Forty Reading residents were drawn for Jury Duty.

A full-time Executive Secretary has been hired and commenced work in December.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
By Edward P. Cameron,
Secretary

READING HOUSING AUTHORITY
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1973

The Reading Housing Authority has completed its seventh year in the Management Phase of its Housing for the Elderly Project #667-C consisting of 80 units on Frank D. Tanner Drive in Reading.

At the Annual Meeting on April 9, 1973, the Authority elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Mr. Philip R. White, Jr. — Chairman
Mr. Edouard N. Dubé — Vice-Chairman
Mr. Gilbert M. Lothrop — Treasurer
Mr. Charles Stratton — Asst. Treasurer
Mrs. Nathalie C. Beaton — Asst. Secretary

and Mrs. Janet Pierce was appointed Executive Director and therefore, also Secretary of the Authority in accordance with the By-Laws.

Tax Exemption was granted by the Reading Board of Assessors for the year 1973, as it has been in the past.

On June 12, 1973, a Third Series of Notes totaling \$1,096,000.00, maturing on June 13, 1974, was issued and sold with the approval of the Department of Community Affairs, the proceeds of which, with other funds, were used to pay off the principal and interest of the maturing Second Series Notes, totaling \$1,149,319.37.

For the Fiscal Year of July 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973, a subsidy was received by the Authority from the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts, in the amount of \$53,212.37 covering Debt requirements for 667-C for the most part. This figure does not include the State Contribution for the interest on the sale of the 1972 Notes. A balance sheet as of June 30, 1973, as attached to and made a part of this report.

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974, a subsidy in the amount of \$65,879.00 for Project #667-C was approved by the Department of Community Affairs. A balance sheet as of December 31, 1973, is attached to and made a part of this report.

As of the end of this year of 1973, the Reading Housing Authority has not been reimbursed for the remaining deficiency resulting from the implementation of the rent reduction law in December of 1970. Seventy-one per cent of the deficiency through June of 1972 was received last year, but nothing has come in this year, although the Authority has been advised by the Department of Community Affairs that money has been approved by the Legislature and is forthcoming. In the meantime, the Authority has been drawing regularly on its small savings to meet regular monthly expenditures and cannot at this time even contemplate major improvements in the Project which are badly needed, especially in the original forty units.

In March, 1973 Edouard N. Dubé was re-elected by the Town to the Reading Housing Authority for a term of five years.

At the November meeting, Mr. Gilbert M. Lothrop submitted his resignation after serving on the Authority since its inception and presided as Chairman for a number of years. To fill his term until it expires in March of 1974, the Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Gary E. Walker as the new member of the Authority. At a subsequent meeting, the Authority voted Mr. Walker to the office of Assistant Treasurer and elevated Mr. Charles Stratton to the office of Treasurer for the Authority.

In view of its current financial situation, the Reading Housing Authority has no plans at this time for any future development and hopes that the State will provide the necessary funds to keep the existing project in good maintenance and repair.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Pierce (Mrs.)

Executive Director and Secretary

READING HOUSING AUTHORITY

BALANCE SHEET — 667-C

June 30, 1973

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
1112	Administration Fund	\$ 1,283.99	
1117	Petty Cash	50.00	
1151	Debt Service Fund	1,578.00	
1170	Investments — Charlestown Savings Bank	19,097.25	
1210	Prepaid Insurance	2,002.84	
1400	Development Cost	1,178,000.00	
2117.1	Income Tax Withholdings — Federal		\$ 245.12
2117.2	Income Tax Withholdings — State		177.09
2117.3	Contributory Retirement Fund — Withholding		48.80
2117.5	Reading Life Insurance Plan Withholding		1.08
2123	Notes Authorized		1,178,000.00
2125	Notes Retired	82,000.00	
2140	Matured Interest and Principa ¹		1,743.11
2240.1	Accounts Payable — Tenants Rebates		683.00
2540	Development Cost Liquidation		82,000.00
2550	Debt Service Reserve		17,878.50
2590	Operating Reserve		14,998.41
3105	Income — Shelter Rent		41,402.25
3500	Income — Miscellaneous Project Income		1,847.85
4101	Expense — Administrative Salaries & Svc.	4,389.80	
4102	Expense — Other Administrative Expense	1,146.39	
4310	Expense — Water	1,848.40	
4320	Expense — Electricity	19,446.57	
4401	Expense — Personal Svc. Maint. & Replacements	10,567.64	
4402	Expense — Materials	1,201.11	

4403	Expense — Contractual Services & Replacements	3,356.37	
4711	Expense — Insurance Expense	2,457.22	
4715	Expense — Contribution to Pension Fund	1,584.00	
4790	Expense — Provision for Operating Reserve	3,840.00	
4794	Expense — Provision for Debt Service	3,888.00	
5100	Expense — Debt Service Requirements	54,500.00	
7100	Commonwealth Contribution		53,212.37
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		\$1,392,237.58	\$1,392,237.58

READING HOUSING AUTHORITY

BALANCE SHEET — 667-C

December 31, 1973

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
1112	Administration Fund	2,215.15	
1117	Petty Cash	50.00	
1123	Accounts Receivable — State Aid	33,000.00	
1151	Debt Service Fund	1,578.00	
1170	Investments—Charlestown Savings Bank	16,589.90	
1210	Prepaid Insurance	933.74	
1400	Development Cost	1,178,000.00	
2117.1	Income Tax Withholding — Federal		250.50
2117.2	Income Tax Withholding — State		67.45
2117.3	Contributory Retirement Fund — Withholding		50.74
2117.5	Reading Life Insurance Plan — Withholding		1.08
2123	Notes Authorized		1,178,000.00
2125	Notes Retired	82,000.00	
2140	Matured Interest and Principal		34,743.11

2540	Development Cost Liquidation		82,000.00
2550	Debt Service Reserve		19,822.50
2590	Operating Reserve		5,122.67
3105	Income — Shelter Rent		19,868.00
3500	Income — Miscellaneous Project Income		538.66
4101	Expense — Administrative Salaries & Svc.	2,600.00	
4102	Expense — Other Administrative Expense	730.76	
4310	Expense — Water	984.37	
4320	Expense — Electricity	7,848.47	
4401	Expense — Personal Svc. Maint. & Replacements	6,447.68	
4402	Expense — Materials	587.51	
4403	Expense — Contractual Services & Replacements	1,755.33	
4711	Expense — Insurance Expense	883.80	
4715	Expense — Contribution to Pension Fund	396.00	
4790	Expense — Provision for Operating Reserve	1,920.00	
4794	Expense — Provision for Debt Service Reserve	1,944.00	
5100	Expense — Debt Service Requirements	33,000.00	
7100	Commonwealth Contribution		33,000.00
	Totals	<u>\$1,373,464.71</u>	<u>\$1,373,464.71</u>

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Municipal Building
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of your Police Department for the year 1973:

The Department is presently operating with a force of thirty-seven men, consisting of Chief, three Lieutenants, three Sergeants, one Sergeant-Detective, three Patrolman-Detectives, one Safety Officer and twenty-five Patrolmen.

Officer William H. Dewsnap retired January 31, 1973, after serving twenty-eight years as a member of the Reading Police Department. He was appointed a temporary Police Officer on November 24, 1945, and a permanent Police Officer on December 15, 1947, and for many years served the Department in the capacity of Inspector and Juvenile Officer.

Officer Frederick J. Keefe retired on September 15, 1973, after serving twenty-two years as a member of the Reading Police Department. He was appointed temporary Police Officer on October 5, 1951, and was appointed a permanent Police Officer on January 1, 1952.

Officer Richard L. Nelson was transferred this year to the Detective Bureau to assist in handling the increasing work load in this Department.

During the year 1973, two appointments were made to the Department. Chester M. Thurston was appointed Patrolman on May 14,

The members of the Police Reserve have rendered another year of invaluable service to the Town. These men are trained to operate all phases of work in this Department, serve at all special occasions and handle traffic duty for the various Churches. The time and effort expended by the men of the Police Reserve are donated without monetary compensation, and these men deserve the thanks and appreciation of all Citizens.

Also complementing our regular Police Department is our force of nineteen School Traffic Officers who supervise the crossing of children on their way to and from school at various locations about town. These Officers have proved to be devoted to their duties and are a great asset to this Department and the Town.

Following are the arrests and various services performed:

Arrests	189
Persons held in Protective Custody	102
Motor Vehicle Violations	2327
Parking Violations	1375

Juveniles Apprehended	104
Juvenile Cases in Court	32
Special Investigations	407
Auto Accidents Investigated	312
Teletype Messages sent	Approx. 2500

Fees Collected

Bicycle Decals	\$ 60.00
Revolver Permits	2150.00
Firearms Identification Cards	196.00

Motorized Equipment

1 1972 Chevrolet sedan	Chief's Car
3 1973 Chevrolet sedans	Cruisers
1 1970 Chevrolet sedan	Cruiser
1 1974 Chevrolet sedan	Safety Car

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen and the citizens of the Town of Reading for their continued support of their Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. BEAUDOIN
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Board of Health continues to meet the third Tuesday of every month. This year our meetings have discussed topics from sewers, saunas, and " 'squitoes" to Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyetitis.

In preventive medicine we offered Mump Vaccine to all seventh and eighth grade students. When it became evident that there was a mild epidemic of Rubella in the public schools, the State Department of Public Health was invited to bring in their jet injector gun and immunize all pupils through age 12, and all the boys through high school. Some 1687 students, including 260

preschoolers were immunized in one day.

Because Reading is in the low incidence category, Tuberculin Testing was not carried out except for the school personnel. The Board has now made it mandatory that all food handlers in the Town have a TB test.

A Rabies Clinic for dogs will be offered in the Spring of 1974. All owners should take advantage of this.

Under the authority of Section 31, of Chapter 111, and Sections 51 and 53, of Chapter 140, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Board, after an open meeting, adopted Rules and Regulations governing the practice of massage and the conduct of establishments for the giving of massage, vapor, pool, shower, or other baths.

We continue to meet regularly with the Eastern Middlesex Guidance Center and Seven Thirty-Five, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert W. Wakeling,
Chairman
Reading Board of Health

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

Number of inspections made for year ending Dec. 31, 1973:

New Sewage System Installations and Inspections	13
Inspection of overflowing septic tanks	42
Delivery of Permits-Milk, Oleo, Ice Cream, Food Handlers, ff Swimming Pools, Livestock, Vapor Baths	164
Restaurant and Inspections	125
Complaints of debris on property	15
Canteen Truck Inspections	3
Swab Test Cultures-Schools, and Restaurants	135

Consulting on Building Projects	13
Inspection of quarters for animals	6
Inspection of Housing	10
Miscellaneous	24
Percolation Test Inspections	13
Milk, Cream and Food Laboratory Pickup	15
Inspection of Service Station Rest Rooms	14
Board Meetings	12
Inspection of Swimming Pools	12
Water Analysis	14
Vaccine pickup at Northeastern Health District	6
Rat Extermination Program at Town Dump	12
Air Pollution Complaints	2
Measles Clinic	1

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Nugent, Jr.
Health Agent

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I would, first of all, like to show my appreciation for working under such a competent and helpful Board of Selectmen. All of these gentlemen are of the highest caliber that I could possibly know. Their help and cooperation has been greatly appreciated.

For the year 1973 there have been 517 complaints investigated. 166 dogs picked up and confined of which 119 were claimed by their owners, 36 were sold to other owners and 11 had to be destroyed. Several injured dogs were picked up and taken to a Veterinarian where they could be claimed by their owner. Those that were not claimed were either sold or destroyed. 299 dogs were reported lost of which 189 were either found or they returned home of their own accord. The other 110 were either never found or the owners never called back to let me know they had found their dog.

Several raccoons had to be destroyed because of distemper and a variety of other injured animals were picked up and taken

care of properly and humanely.

For the year 1973 \$269.00 was collected for fines, violations or for the sale of dogs and turned over to the Treasurer and receipts received for same.

An intensive effort was made to contact all owners of unlicensed dogs and Court action was instituted on those owners who failed to heed our warnings.

This year also gave us an Assistaat Dog Officer, Carl Bergenheim, for which I am very grateful. He helps to relieve me on week ends and some evenings.

I would like to thank the many people who have helped me through the year, the Police Department who help cover for me when I cannot be here, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Counsel, the Town Clerk's office, Ralph Wilson and the people of Reading who are cooperating with our Leash Law.

I especially wish to thank Mr. Fred Nichols the owner of the Fairlawn Kennels.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. Marden
READING DOG OFFICER

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1973 to January 1, 1974.

Sixty dogs, five cats, one Guinea Pig, two Gerbils, one Rabbit and one horse were quarantined for ten days as the result of inflicting a wound on a human body. All animals survived the ordeal and were rather pleased to have the quarantine lifted.

The annual inspection of all barns and sheds housing

livestock, and the livestock within the town, was conducted as per request of the Massachusetts Division of Animal Health, disclosing there to be 1 beef cow, 1 sheep, 11 horses and 45 ponies.

There is an increase of thirty percent in non food producing animals and almost a hundred percent decrease in meat producing animals. This could cause serious consequences in years to come, similar to our energy shortage, with the reduction in farms and tillable land coupled with a population explosion.

Any sportsman who hunts knows how hard it is to find game and what is happening to our wild life, all victims of modernization and farm depopulation.

Respectfully submitted,

Gardiner A. Lester DVM
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1973

97 New one family dwellings at an estimated cost of	\$2,810,900.00
3 New private Garages	8,100.00
2 Alterations or additions to business properties	10,000.00
53 Swimming Pools	147,308.00
22 Signs	11,750.00
11 Raze Buildings	000.00
152 Alterations or additions to dwellings	409,908.00
1 Bank Building	350,000.00
6 Accessory Buildings	6,400.00
2 Store & Office Buildings	150,000.00

2 Service Stations	70,000.00
1 Tennis Court Building	68,000.00

Total estimated cost of all new and remodeled buildings for the past year	\$4,042,366.00
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Total Number of Permits	352
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Fees were received in the amount of \$2714.00. These have been turned over to the Town Treasurer and receipts received for same.

Fees, plus postage for mailing, were received in the amount of \$35.70 from the sale of Building Code Books. These have been turned over to the Town Treasurer and receipts received for same.

Respectfully submitted,

Royal C. Jaques
Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1973. A total of 489 permits were issued and inspected. Fees were received in the amount of \$2,771.50.

Respectfully submitted,

Blanchard K. Stoddart
Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Reading Planning Board held regular weekly Board meetings on Monday evenings.

During the past year, hearings were held on two occasions dealing with proposed zoning by-law revisions and additions. The by-law revision approved involved the addition of a regulation allowing recreational, educational and social service activities when owned and operated by a nonprofit organization. This revision paved the way for construction of the new Y.M.C.A. tennis facility.

In addition, the Board received numerous inquiries from individuals and neighborhood groups to discuss problems of zoning which exist and are of concern. The majority of these relate to suspected violations by builders and developers.

The opinions expressed by the citizenry indicate many feel Town Boards with approval authority are following strict technical interpretation of regulations and not always considering the sociological impact of a change or the overall good to the Town.

The Planning Board continued preparation for requesting a new Town Master Plan. After receiving inputs from Town Boards and officials, planning consultants were interviewed. The Board has selected one planner to prepare a proposal detailing scope of work and priorities. The Planning Board has included a special article in the 1974 warrant requesting funds for accomplishing a new Reading Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reading Planning Board
Andrew B. White, Chairman
William E. Clark, Secretary
Melvin E. Jones
Carroll E. Ayers
John P. Collins

REPORT OF GAS INSPECTOR

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1973. A total of 165 permits were issued and inspected. Fees were received in the amount of \$935.00.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Harrison
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1973. A total of 248 permits were issued and inspected. Fees were received in the amount of \$2,235.00.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Harrison
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

To The Honorable Board Of Selectmen:

I submit my report as Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

About two hundred-eighty elms were checked for Dutch Elm Disease. The Shade Tree Laboratory at Amherst certified one hundred five as being diseased. Eighty-seven of these trees have

been removed to the land-fill site for burial and most of the stumps have been cut to below grade on roadside areas. The remaining eighteen elms will be removed as soon as weather permits or as we receive release forms from the property owners. An additional one hundred-twelve elms were removed from private property that were dead and infested with the Elm Bark Beetle, the carrier of the Dutch Elm Disease.

A dormant spray of Methoxchlor for the control of the Elm Bark Beetle was applied to all public elm trees. The new mist sprayer now being used has increased the efficiency of this department.

The Lowdin Treatment, for the control of the Dutch Elm Disease on some of our public elm trees treated this year can only be established successful when we determine their survival during the growing season of 1974. We hope this is a break-through in eliminating the Dutch Elm Disease.

The spray for the control of leaf eating insects and other shade tree pests were applied as usual to the public shade trees.

Apparently wet weather and mild winters have favored the increase of the Japanese Beetle. Repeated spraying against the adult with the pesticide Carbaryl will give control. Chlordane can be used primarily for the grub stage that overwinters in the turf, feeding in late fall and early spring on grass roots.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, the men of this department and all others who have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving E. Dickey, Jr.
Supt. Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Reading:

I submit my report as Tree Warden for 1973.

Twenty-five elm trees were removed from public property, infected with Dutch Elm Disease. It was also necessary to remove ninety-seven additional trees, eighty percent being the sugar maple variety unable to withstand our present day environment on roadside conditions. Sixteen trees were removed to assist the Board of Public Works. Ten were removed under Chapter 87 sections 3-5 and the remaining seventy-one were either dead or in a dangerous condition.

Two hundred and five trees were planted, most of these trees were planted on private property adjacent to the sidewalk. A tree planting fund has been established to fill in barren locations such as Main Street, we hope this project will continue to meet with support and approval.

The low branches and deadwood were removed from sixty-five streets. The light wires were also cleared on these streets, and the Electric Light Department paid for this clearance. The Telephone Company has also been billed for this work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have assisted our department in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Irving E. Dickey, Jr.,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Reading:

We submit our report for 1973.

James S. Perry, who was a member and Chairman of this committee from 1959 through 1973 resigned, as he has moved out of state. During his years on the Committee, sixty-seven acres were added to the Forest. The use of the Forest by various groups

increased during his fourteen years.

Mr. Perry's unexpired term was filled by the appointment of George B. Perry.

Dr. Norton Nickerson again brought his students from Tufts University to study ecology in field work in the Forest.

Boy Scouts of Reading hiked and camped in the Forest in all seasons of the year.

The Camp Fire Girls have continued using the new Council Ring in the easterly section of the Forest.

The refuse left by irresponsible persons continues to be a problem.

Because of the energy crisis, the general public has recently become conscious of the value of our natural resources, such as the Town Forest.

Respectfully submitted,
George B. Perry, Chairman

Irving E. Dickey,
Vice Chairman

Benjamin E. Nichols,
Secretary

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

To the Board of Cemetery Trustees

The following report is an analysis of Cemetery operation for the year ending December 31, 1973. From the office records:

INTERMENTS

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Adults	25	77	102
Children	0	4	4
Cremations urns	7	2	9
	<hr/> 32	<hr/> 83	<hr/> 115

Total interments for all years.

Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
7,713	1,773	9490

SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
4 Grave lots	0	7	7
3 Grave lots	0	9	9
2 Grave lots	0	36	36
Single lots	0	5	5
Veterans Graves (free)		5	5
		<hr/> 62	<hr/> 62

Total number of lots and graves sold to December 31, 1973.

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Lots	1,416	1,156	2,572
Single Graves	1,142	304	1,446

Foundations installed

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Monuments	2	44	46
Markers	27	4	31
Government Markers	1	22	23
	<hr/> 30	<hr/> 70	<hr/> 100

The Perpetual Care funds received for maintenance and flowers — Laurel Hill \$3,970.00.

In Laurel Hill work was continued to make maintenance more efficient by filling sunken areas and inserting markers into the sod wherever possible.

Vandalism is forever with us. Some 40 monuments and headstones were tipped over during the course of the year. A more serious offense occurred in August when the Service Building in Laurel Hill was broken into and over \$1,000.00 worth of equipment was stolen. A special appropriation provided funds for replacements and for the installation of a burglar alarm system.

CHARLES STREET

During the winter months when other work was not pressing, the cemetery crew cleared about three quarters of an acre of swamp maples. Since the burning ban has been in effect, the resulting brush had to be chipped. Last fall stumps were removed and about 10,300 cubic yards of earth borrow was hauled in. We were also fortunate in receiving at no cost several hundred cubic yards of fill from various construction projects about town.

Detailed engineering plans are now being developed for the area. Mr. Herbert Philpott, Cemetery Consultant, has been retained for this important phase of the program.

The Cemetery Board and I wish to make public our appreciation for the ready assistance that other departments and individuals have so willingly given.

Respectfully submitted

J. Henry Vik

Superintendent

The report of the Superintendent as submitted is hereby approved by The Board of Cemetery Trustees and constitutes its Report to the Town.

Edouard N. Dubé, Chairman
Clifford P. Wadman, Secretary
Harold F. Davis
Charles E. Ellis Jr.
Herbert F. Gent
Stanley F. Maxwell

REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS GRAVES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In compliance with Section 9, Chapter 115 of the General Laws of Massachusetts I submit my following report.

Where Veterans of the armed forces have served in more than one war, insurrection or conflict, the following gives the Veteran credit for only one.

Credited Service	Veterans
Revolutionary War	41
War of 1812	12
Mexican War	2
Civil War	291
Indian War	1
Spanish War	29
State Guard	33
World War I	251
World War II	147
Korean War	10
United States Air Force	4
Viet-Nam War	11
German Occupation Force	1
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Total	833

There were 25 Veterans interred in the Town Cemeteries in 1973

World War I

Howard B. Robinson, Forest Glen, Lot 1076, died February 6, 1973, interred February 9, 1973.

Theodore V. Pooler, V.G. Forest Glen, Lot 4, died March 15, 1973, interred March 17, 1973.

Jacob N. Zeytoonian, Forest Glen, Lot 1303, died March 23, interred March 26, 1973

Harry V. Dodge, Laurel Hill, Lot 841, died July 11, 1973, interred July 13, 1973

Vincent DeMattia, Forest Glen, Lot 1265, died August 26, 1973, interred August 28, 1973.

George W. Goodridge, Laurel Hill, Lot 1122, died September 3, 1973, interred September 5, 1973.

Arthur L. Doucette, Forest Glen, Lot 955, died November 23, 1973, interred November 26, 1973.

Elmer V. Emery, Laurel Hill, Lot 980, died December 15, 1973, interred December 18, 1973.

Warren F. McDonald, Forest Glen, Lot 1109, died December 23, 1973, interred December 28, 1973.

World War II

Ralph H. Heselton V.G. Forest Glen, Lot 100, died March 11, 1973, interred March 17, 1973.

Charles S. Garden V.G. Forest Glen, Lot 24, died March 19, 1973, interred March 22, 1973.

John J. Haggerty, S.G. Forest Glen, Lot 318, died March 23, 1973, interred March 27, 1973.

Everett L. Mariette, Forest Glen, Lot 1043, died May 2, 1973, interred May 4, 1973.

Roy W. Hogan, Forest Glen, Lot 1254, died May 26, interred May 29, 1973.

Leonard V. Anderson, Forest Glen, Lot 1307, died June 2, 1973, interred June 4, 1973.

Alton N. Gould, V.G. Forest Glen, Lot 31, died July 12, 1973, interred July 18, 1973.

Wendel S. Henderson, V.G. Forest Glen, Lot 113, died August 3, 1973, interred August 6, 1973.

Clarence A. Godfrey, S.G. Forest Glen, Lot 294, 1973, interred August 28, 1973.

John A. Ward, Forest Glen, Lot 1326, died September 4, 1973, interred September 7, 1973.

Howard F. Brush, Forest Glen, Lot 1210, died October 15, 1973, interred October 17, 1973

Kenneth V. Cutcliffe, Laurel Hill, Lot 1120, died December 3, 1973, interred December 6, 1973

Harley F. Mansfield, Forest Glen Lot 1365, died December 3, 1973, interred December 8, 1973.

James A. Gorey, Forest Glen, Lot 1383, died December 8, 1973, interred December 11, 1973.

George W. Batten, Laurel Hill, Lot 1049, died December 8, 1973, interred December 11, 1973.

Andrew J. Lomax, V.G. Forest Glen Lot 99, died December 15, 1973, interred December 18, 1973.

Government Markers Set

Manuel M. Jaques	V.G. 101	Forest Glen
Keith D. Longenecker	Lot 1217	Forest Glen
John J. Ferrick	Lot 726	Forest Glen
Harold D. Kilgore	Lot 1279	Forest Glen
Donald L. Magrane	Lot 1292	Forest Glen
John T. Ainsworth	Lot 1150	Forest Glen
James H. Greene	Lot 1147	Forest Glen
Wilfred Tousaint	V.G. 121	Forest Glen
Dana R. Perkins	V.G. 114	Forest Glen
Howard B. Robinson	Lot 1076	Forest Glen
Ralph H. Heselton	V.G. 100	Forest Glen
Theodore V. Pooler	V.G. 4	Forest Glen
Jacob N. Zeytoonian	Lot 1303	Forest Glen
Vincent DeMattia	Lot 1265	Forest Glen
Charles S. Garden	V.G. 24	Forest Glen
Leonard V. Anderson	Lot 1207	Forest Glen
George D. Oliver	V.G. 81	Forest Glen

Naomi D. Leonard	V.G. 32	Forest Glen
Alton N. Gould	V.G. 31	Forest Glen
Wendell S. Henderson	V.G. 113	Forest Glen
Roy W. Hogan	Lot 1254	Forest Glen
George W. Goodridge	Lot 1029	Laurel Hill

Respectfully submitted,
Harold F. Davis

Custodian of Soldiers'
and Sailors' Graves

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' AGENT-DIRECTOR

Board of Selectmen
Municipal Building
Reading Mass., 01867

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit my Annual Report as Veterans'-Agent
and as Director of Veteran's Services:

Veterans' Agent

Recipient Expenses	\$87,369.74
Recipients Aided	96 cases
Medical Aided	58 cases
Fuel Aided	28 cases

Veterans' Services

Disability compensation & Pension Applications	98
Screening, & Assist. S.S.I.,for Aged, Blind and Disabled	43
Employment Security Application Assistance	62

Registration & Asst., Jobs for Veterans, Emergency Emp. Act, Operation Mainstream Etc.	35
Placement for Paraplegics - Actually placed in all categorys.	24
Hospitalization and Out-Patient Treatment	115
Veterans' Adm. Questionnaires, Ins. Applications including BS & BC, Abatement Assistance	133
Bonus Applications	98
School Applications	58
On-the-Job Applications	22
Appointments (Power of Attorney)	27

This year, Dec.,72 to Dec.,73, It was necessary to request the transfer of \$600.00 from the Reserve Fund.

Russell F. Winam
Agent-Director

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Community Program for the Elderly was carried on under the management of the Council on Aging with the much appreciated cooperation of the Reading Housing Authority which continued to provide space and facilities at the Housing for Elderly for most of the 19 or 20 classes at various seasons for the elderly.

This year there have been a Library Group, four classes in Oil Painting, six in Ceramics, one in Knitting, two in Crewel Embroidery, one in Homemaking, two in Contract Bridge, one in Choral Singing, one in Rug Braiding, an Exercise Class, and shorter classes for Flower Arranging and Discussion.

During the summer classes were discontinued and instead, as in previous years, there were five special Summer Programs including cookouts, games, a square dance, an ice cream smorgasbord, with entertainment provided by the Check-Mates, the "Song-Birds", the latter a group of the elderly trained in the Choral Class, the Quannapowitt Players, and the Colonial Chorus. Also during the summer two theatre parties were arranged to the North Shore Theatre in Beverly - on July 7 for "1776" and July 21 for "Camelot".

A new program started this year with a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was the "Health Program". This was conducted in cooperation with the Combined Visiting Nurse Association, a physical therapist, and Dr. Vincent C. Guerra, a new member representing the Board of Health. This involved testing of weight, urine, and blood pressure and private conferences with a visiting nurse, as well as talks on "Nutrition" and "The Heart" given at meetings of the Golden Age Club. The Exercise Class previously mentioned was closely affiliated with this "Health Program".

By September the Council had received delivery of its new Chevrolet 12 - passenger Sportvan, funds for which had been appropriated at the March Town Meeting. Mr. Luigi J. Sablone was then employed as full time driver. This has proved a most wonderful help in all our activities and is much appreciated by the elderly. In addition to transportation to and from classes, transportation is provided for Golden Age Club meetings, bowling sessions in Stoneham, theatre parties, and special events, Thursday trips to shopping centers, Friday trips to Reading Square, and to our Drop-In Center held in the office of the Council in the Community Center.

Our Executive Director, Mrs. Marian Tyminski, has been at the office each weekday from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

A sub-committee of about ten under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Edith Sias has been calling regularly on shut-ins taking favors for the holidays that the committee has made.

The Annual Dinner was held the week before Thanksgiving at the Church of the Good Shepherd with 191 in attendance. Prizes and flowers were again generously contributed by Mr. Abraham Berson and Eric's Greenhouses.

The "Elderberries" (the Council newsletter) was sent in June and September to all known elderly in Reading - this year approximately 1858 pieces were mailed each time, which actually represented more elderly people than that number, as only one piece was sent to married couples.

Many volunteers and organizations have worked with the Council all through the year to help make the program a success.

Respectfully submitted,
Nathalie C. Beaton, Chairman

**ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH REPORT OF
THE FIRE CHIEF
REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN AND
REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM**

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the Fire Chief, Forest Warden and Superintendent of Fire Alarm is herewith submitted.

MANUAL FORCE: The authorized permanent force consists of Chief, 2 Deputy Chiefs, 1 Captain, 8 Lieutenants, 44 Privates, 1 Clerk and 1 Mechanic. Twenty-five Auxiliary men are trained and equipped and help our department at multiple alarm fires and in many other ways, for which we are extremely grateful. There are no vacancies in the department at present and I am requesting the addition of 5 new permanent men to keep the department strength up when the fire fighters' hours are changed from 44.8 to 42 hours a week on July 1, 1974. One Lieutenant and one Private retired in 1973 and they have been replaced.

APPARATUS: Station 1, Pleasant Street, Engine 1, a 1000 gal. per min. Maxim (Ford chassis) pumping engine, purchased in 1973; Engine 5, a 750 gal. per min. Young (Ford chassis) pumping engine, purchased in 1969; Car 7, a 1/2 ton Chevrolet pickup truck (1972); Car 4, a Cadillac ambulance (1971); a Ford sedan (1968) used by the Deputy Chiefs and a Datsun sedan (1973) donated by the Hurlbert Datsun Agency and used for Fire Prevention and Inspection work.

Station 2, Woburn Street - Engine 3, a 1000 gal. per min. Seagrave pumping engine, purchased in 1961; Engine 2, a 1000 gal. per min. American LaFrance pumping engine, purchased in 1957; Rescue 1, a 1960 Dodge; Ladder 1, an American LaFrance 85 ft. aerial ladder tiller truck (1965); Engine 4, a 1952 Chevrolet 400 gal. per min. pumping engine, used for dump and woods fires and as a lighting plant; also a 1972 Chevrolet sedan used by the Chief.

Haverhill Street Garage - The 1962 Dodge Fire Alarm truck and the 2-wheel 500 gal. per min. Trailer Pump (1944) are kept in this building.

All of the apparatus is kept in good running condition and receives regular maintenance by the department mechanic, whom we share with the Cemetery and Forestry Departments.

SERVICE RECORD:

275 Bell Alarms, 84 of which were false
385 Still and Telephone Alarms, 7 of which were false
714 Service Calls
509 Ambulance Runs

60 Mutual Aid calls to other communities
31 Calls to fires in buildings and dwellings
109 Grass and brush fires
36 Automobile fires
28 Dumpster, incinerator and leaves fires
4 oxygen calls
9 Tests made for gas
30 Calls for assisting persons locked out or in
5 Calls for assistance rendered to Police

PERMITS ISSUED:

175 Power Burner and Oil Storage
42 Blasting
11 Special Permits

Ambulance fees turned over to Town Treasurer amounted to \$2,627.20.

Fire Loss for 1973 as reported to date on property endangered (valuation \$4,350,453.00) is \$241,718.62. Insurance paid on loss is \$189,737.05. Uninsured loss is \$51,981.57.

FIRE STATIONS: Station 1 on Pleasant Street had a new heating boiler installed in 1973 and it is performing satisfactorily.

The station is in quite good condition considering it is 90 years old and, outside of the need for a new acoustical tile ceiling on the apparatus floor and some updating of electrical work in the basement, should serve for many more years. We have requested funds for a two-story cement block, brick-veneered addition with a flat roof, with the expansion of personnel in this station and the need to not only give more room on the apparatus floor by storage of hose, off-duty mens' equipment and other supplies on the first floor of the proposed addition, but also to provide a separate 1-door apparatus exit facing Pleasant Street, to house the ambulance or some other small piece of apparatus. The second story would allow additional living space for the men as the existing space is much overcrowded.

A section of the second story is needed in order to provide space for the modernization of the fire alarm system which is antiquated and taxed to its capacity. To begin modernization in any way cannot be started without the space being made available first. As all of the overhead box and mutual aid circuits and all underground conduit connections terminate in Station 1, the consideration of the prohibitive cost would negate the possibility of relocating the fire alarm protective board and other necessary allied fire alarm apparatus and control console to either Station 2 or a separate building.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION: We continue to use the training facility on Haverhill Street for all phases of fire fighting and use of equipment, in addition to pump operating and testing. All new men have been sent to the Heavy Duty Rescue School at the Topsfield Civil Defense Training Center. This is a 2 week course. Also new men have been sent to the Mass. Fire Training Academy in Stow, whenever courses are held. This is a 4 week course and we are limited to the number of men we can send. Sixteen men have attended a course at Winchester Hospital for Practical Emergency Care to the Sick and Injured. Some have completed 40 hours and others 81 hours and most of these men are taking a very thorough and difficult examination shortly, given by the State, which will classify them as Emergency Medical Technicians, upon successful completion. We plan to send more men to these courses at the Winchester Hospital. The staff and instructors there are giving of their own time to teach these highly technical medical skills, and our men have been attending on a volunteer basis and have also given a great deal of their off-time to

attend the classes, lectures and in-hospital practical experience in emergency rooms, recovery rooms and other phases of hospital care.

FOREST FIRES: With the restriction on outdoor burning remaining in effect, these fires have been kept to a minimum. It is disappointing to find unattended bonfires in the Town Forest. We post this area with NO OPEN AIR FIRES signs, and extinguish any fire we are notified about. There should be tighter control over this forest and its use further restricted before a serious fire destroys the whole area, which undoubtedly would also seriously affect the water shed and the town's water supply.

FIRE PREVENTION: The In-service Inspection program of commercial and manufacturing properties, apartments, schools and other buildings used by the public continues and we feel many hazardous conditions have been corrected or eliminated. Each building is inspected at least once a year and the Captain does the follow-up work to see that recommendations are complied with.

We have conducted fire drills where required by law and also held drills for various churches and church schools when requested.

Our Junior Fire Marshal's Fire Prevention Program was curtailed in 1973 due to supplies not arriving on schedule. In its place we showed educational films on fire prevention in the home to the 3rd grade pupils and some of the senior officers gave talks and fire equipment demonstrations to the same pupils.

FIRE ALARM: We continue to replace the old iron line wire, some of which has been in service for 60 years. With the ever increasing accidents between motor vehicles and telephone poles we had many replacement changeovers to make in 1973. A pedestal at John and Pleasant Streets was demolished during a two-car accident and had to be replaced. Cost of damages was paid by an insurance company to the Town Treasurer.

The contract has been let to install the fire detection systems in the Town Hall and Library, but the installer has not finished the High School portion of the contract which must be done before starting the other buildings.

Periodic tests are made of the inside fire detection systems of public buildings and schools. Line clearance and outside box testing has been continued as funds permit.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The fire alarm control system at the Pleasant Street Station is antiquated and a long range program should be started to bring it up to proper standards. The first requirement is space for the control console, alarm transmitting apparatus and a proper test board with a greater number of box circuits so the outside circuits now in use may be shortened to reasonable sizes, as they are all overtaxed with alarm boxes and the long runs of wire on each circuit. The proposed addition to Station 1 would be necessary before any updating of the Fire Alarm System could be accomplished. I am again requesting funds to electrify the overhead apparatus doors at Station 2, also to make necessary repairs to the building at the training center where the fire alarm truck and trailer pump are kept. The fire alarm truck, purchased in 1962, is worn out and request for replacement has been made. Also, the 1968 Ford sedan used by the Deputy Chiefs is in need of replacement and request has been so made.

In conclusion, it is a privilege to thank all members of this department for the faithful performance of their duties. A special thank you is due the men who are assigned to the ambulance and are responsible for the many letters of thanks we receive from victims of accidents and other illnesses that require their transportation and care. All other town officials and departments are also thanked for their continued cooperation with our department. In addition, I want to thank the fire fighters' wives who have taken over the Red Cross canteen and served coffee and hot soup to the fire fighters at multiple alarm fires.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Mitchell
Chief of Fire Department
Forest Warden and
Supt. of Fire Alarm

1973

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

During the year the Emergency Operations Center in the Reading Community Center has been up graded by improvements in ventilation and heating plus addition of fire detectors. New operation maps have been mounted and covered with plastic ready for use. Our map setup is now complete from topographic maps of the area to plastic relief maps of eastern Massachusetts and navy charts for hurricane work. The E.O.C. passed inspection by both State Area and Sector directors.

The Reading Civil Defense Emergency Operations Plan has been revised, approved by the state and supplied to all members of the C.D. staff.

Federal audit of our records and accounts turned up no discrepancies.

Several trips to the state Surplus Warehouse have been made including representatives of the Municipal Light Dept., Forestry Dept., as well as our C.D. electronic engineer. Materials were obtained for the Town with an original cost of \$592.55 for \$81.70.

The civilian Warning System has been streamlined and the sirens themselves have been serviced.

Staff training has included attendance at National Guard and C.D. Seminars, semimonthly meeting at the E.O.C. and correspondence courses from the C.D. Staff College at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Reading C.D. volunteers helped out at the Chelsea Fire Disaster and also assisted during the Halloween patrols in Reading.

Radios which will enable the Selectmen and C.D. Director to establish a command communications link with department heads of town government have been obtained.

Harold Colburn, deputy director for many years, resigned as he has retired to New Hampshire. The volunteer staff has been augmented by new men in the communications and the radiological sections.

The Reading Civil Defense Agency expresses its thanks for the cooperation and assistance of other Town departments as well as Reading business men who gave of their time to make the above progress possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Forest T. Benton
Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year 1973, the Board of Appeals met on 17 different hearing dates to hear 23 petitions. Of these, 11 were granted, 10 were denied, one was dismissed without prejudice, and one was withdrawn.

All applications submitted to the Board were heard before December 31.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Anderson, Chairman
John B. Tewksbury
Thomas C. Chase

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

Nineteen seventy-three was the first full calendar year in which the Town of Reading was represented by the law firm of Tyler & Reynolds. The principal attorney for the firm as Town Counsel is Donald L. Connors, Esq. All lawyers in the firm are available to the Town.

This was an active year. Zoning, public health and education matters were of particular concern. Transportation of perceptually handicapped children, the new portable classrooms, Department of Public Utilities hearings on Boston Edison rates and the Town's active conservation program highlighted the year.

Major litigation included matters in connection with Town zoning by-laws; defense of the Municipal Light Department in a suit brought by the Tax Collector of North Reading seeking payment of taxes for property owned by the Department in North Reading; suspension of a firefighter by the Chief of the Department and appeal of that suspension to the Civil Service Commission. General legal services were rendered to the various Town officers, boards, agencies and departments.

Services were also rendered in the preparation for and holding of the 1973 Annual Town Meeting and the September Special Town Meeting.

Other general litigation matters included prosecutions for health law violations, Civil Service hearings, arbitration of disputes and hearings before the Appellate Tax Board.

Counsel was in attendance at all meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The Board of Selectmen
Town of Reading
Municipal Building
Lowell Street
Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Sealer of Weights & Measures for 1973.

The weighing and measuring devices in the Town were inspected and sealed, the total number being 143. 28 were re-inspected in answer to one complaint and the others at the owners' request.

Fees in the amount of \$156.40 were turned into the Town Treasurer and I hold his receipt for the same.

Two Court cases were stated for unsealed devices but both were settled through the help of Sealers in Medford and Brockton.

Yours,
Robert M. Graham
Sealer of Weights & Measures

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

For the year ended

December 31, 1973

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

During the past year our efforts have necessarily been devoted to the very difficult task of meeting public needs and improving service without additional space or facilities. The task becomes increasingly difficult.

Library Usage

The small drop in total recorded use is largely accounted for by a drop of over 7600 in fiction circulated from the Children's Room. Several explanations could be offered for this, but they would be only theoretical. Unquestionably the largest drop occurred during the summer months when more library use is for leisure reading than for "projects." How much of this decline was due to the absence of a trained Librarian during much of the period and how much is the result of new trends in childhood activities or interests cannot really be determined. Let us hope we are not raising a generation of non-readers who use books only for facts! In any event the Children's Librarian is aware of the problem and is dedicated to encouraging the use of books for pleasure reading.

In the adult room the use of fiction is also down, but more than balanced by increased use of non-fiction. The heaviest increase is in use of Reference Service, where it is not documented, but certainly felt by the staff. The patron is learning to ask for assistance and the Reference staff is justly proud of the fact that they very seldom turn away a patron empty-handed. Subjects of particular interest this year were practical arts, consumerism, careers and educational opportunities, and local history.

The number of registered borrowers continues to climb, and once again the greatest increase is in adult registration.

Library Services

This was the first year the Friends of the Library had developed a full program and their assistance made it possible to expand programming. With their assistance the library provided a series of noontime book reviews which were so well received that a new series will be offered next year.

They assisted with a series of programs given by the Children's Librarian and Young Adult Librarian on Children's Literature. They also sponsored three evening programs and a Sunday afternoon Open House. The latter, in particular, was very well attended. The Friends also assisted with our Used Book sale in June and have taken over book deliveries to nursing homes and the homebound. We look forward to their developing new vehicles for promoting library use in future years.

Once again two story-hours for pre-schoolers were offered in the library each week. Music has been added to these programs. Opening of public kindergartens did not reduce registration for these programs, and the library and College Club together have provided programs at the Unitarian-Universalist Church and St. Athanasius Church.

Our staff and the school librarians continue to cooperate wherever possible to coordinate service. We meet together several times annually and a new system of "Assignment Alert" sheets, involving teachers and school librarians has been very beneficial, resulting in fewer frustrated librarians and patrons. As usual, the Young Adult Librarian conducted classes in library usage for the 6th grade classes. As school libraries develop we can advance the level of our presentation to cover materials not found in a school library.

Several years ago classroom deposits of books from the public library accounted for a large block of Children's Room circulation. Opening of school libraries reduced this demand temporarily, but now teachers are once again requesting more than school libraries can offer. School deposits have gone from a total of 240 volumes in 1970 to 2864 in 1973. After much deliberation it was decided to spend approximately \$800 for Children's books designed to make possible classroom deposits in subject areas. The experiment has been successful. Since September the Children's Room has provided forty-three collections of books for general reading and twenty-five on specific subjects. The Children's Librarian has also given nine programs in the schools since September.

Numerous young people and youth groups have expressed interest in the Library and several have earned awards through work supervised by the Librarians.

Library Operation

In March we subscribed to the McNaughton Plan. Under this system we "rent" additional copies of popular titles. The public

is happy with multiple copies of "best-sellers" and the library does not feel pressured to buy multiple copies for temporary use.

Additional security measures are imperative. Over 10% of our books are missing. A high proportion of these are expensive items of a specialized nature. The loss to the taxpayers totals more than \$5,000 annually—not including staff time which is incalculable. Frustration and time-loss on the part of the staff and public when items cannot be found is not included and cannot be estimated.

The approaching National Bicentennial has affected the local library in several ways. The Head Librarian is serving as Chairman of the Reading Bicentennial Commission. The public has shown increased interest in the Reading History Collection, and special attention has been given to preserving and duplicating this material. The **Reading Chronicle** is deeply involved in commemorating local participation in the Revolution and has generously provided the library with enlarged copies of all known maps of the Town of Reading. These will be framed and eventually will be displayed to provide a chronological history of the town.

Space continues to be our prime problem. This past summer, as demand for non-fiction receded, the problem reached near crisis proportions, and books were piled on the floor and in aisles. Temporary shelves were added under windows and at aisle ends. This created new problems in relocating files, study tables and the hi-fi system, and was strictly a one-time solution. The next step must be a major readjustment. As part of the rearrangement, children's records were transferred to the Children's Room and became the responsibility of the Children's Librarian.

Personnel

After several years of relative stability, the professional staff underwent major changes. Miss Madden, Assistant Librarian, resigned to become Head Librarian in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Mrs. Lepore was elevated to that position, and Miss Jean Packard came to us from Stoughton as Reference Librarian. Mrs. Molloy resigned as Young Adult Librarian to become a mother, and Miss Marie Murphy of Reading was appointed to that position. Mrs. Georgianna Merrill retired after nineteen years as Children's Librarian, and Miss Karen Meek came to us from Michigan and Andover. In April, John Sumner left to enter the ministry, and in July Mrs. Marion Kohler resigned from the clerical staff and Mrs. Louisa Lebaron was transferred from part-time to full-time. In October Mrs. Margaret Hummel who had been with us eight years

moved to New York. Mrs. Gladys Ogle, Mrs. Jeannette Oberg and Mrs. Elaine Singleton were added to the part-time staff, and once again we are able to finish the year with a full roster. The staff has been conscientious, creative and productive. Limitations of space impose awkward situations, but somehow they cope and even laugh.

The Head Librarian served as Secretary to the Massachusetts Library Association, as Chairman of Heads of Departments in town government, and Chairman of the Reading Bicentennial Commission. She and John Sumner participated in a series of programs on modern literature sponsored by the Congregational Church and St. Athanasius Church, and Miss Meek assisted with the Christmas Eve service at the Congregational Church. Six staff members attended Massachusetts Library Association meetings and New England Library Association meetings.

Credits

Particular mention of special groups has been made earlier in this report. In addition to those previously mentioned, we wish to thank the Reading Garden Club for their Christmas decorations, and all individuals and organizations who have made gifts to the library. Some were simply additions to our resources and others were designated as memorials. More and more citizens are giving books instead of sending flowers. This year in addition to many individual gifts, two special funds were established in memory of local residents. We are particularly grateful to Mrs. Ellen Nelson for presenting to the library her original oil painting "Chronicle of Time." The library exists for the benefit of the town and could not exist without its interest and support.

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

ROBERT J. FIELDS, Chairman	ALFRED R. JOHNSON
WILLIAM H. DIAMOND	GEORGE M. RICHARDS
EDWARD F. FULLER, JR.	BARBARA E. WINKLER, Sec.

STAFF

December 31, 1973

JOYCE K. MILLER, Head Librarian

Wilma J. Lepore	Assistant Librarian
Karen I. Meek	Children's Librarian
Harriett J. Carter	Cataloguer
Marie E. Murphy	Young Adult Librarian
Jean L. Packard	Reference Librarian
Alma Black	Circulation Librarian
Ann Blaisdell	Library Assistant
Jeannette Warren	Library Assistant
Ruth H. Dresser	Library Clerk
Louisa LeBaron	Library Clerk
Marian Webster	Library Clerk
Edith M. Bickford	Part-Time Clerical
Jeannette Oberg	Part-Time Clerical
Gladys Ogle	Part-Time Clerical
Edna Shaw	Part-Time Clerical
Elaine Singleton	Part-Time Clerical
Irene Sunbury	Part-Time Clerical
Eleanor Zanni	Part-Time Clerical

PAGES

Edward T. Broderick III	David S. Lake, Jr.
Lawrence Broderick	Cheryl Landis
Kevin Duffy	Jo Ann Varney
Louis B. Bacigalupo	Custodian

APPENDIX A

LIBRARY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR 1973

INCOME

Appropriation by the Town for Jan. 1973-June '74	\$252,094.29
State Aid	8,452.13
Dog Tag	3,278.58
Gifts	576.48
Emergency transfer to Main- tenance (Fire Alarm System)	6,450.00
Total	<u>\$270,851.48</u>

EXPENDITURES as of Dec. 31, 1973 —		Remaining for Jan.-June '74
Salaries	\$116,689.33	\$60,810.67
Maintenance		
Library Materials	\$38,896.21	
(from appropriations)		
Operating Expenses	18,956.05	
Total	\$ 57,852.26	\$28,472.34
Gifts	576.48	
Expenditure Per Capita — \$7.72		

RECEIPTS DEPOSITED WITH TOWN TREASURER

(not returned to library)	1972	1973
Fines & Charges	\$ 9,350.56	\$ 9,250.02
Sale of Old Books	340.50	242.12
Copy Service	2,775.60	2,867.39
Total	<u>\$12,466.66</u>	<u>\$ 1,2359.53</u>

SPECIAL BOOK FUND

Balance from 1972	\$ 83.29	
Deposited — 1973	1,567.51	\$ 1,650.80
Expended for Memorial gifts and purchases by staff		1,430.66
Balance forward		<u>\$ 220.14</u>

APPENDIX B

LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR 1973

CIRCULATION

	Adult Dept. (Includes Young Adult)	Children's Dept. (Pre-School — Grade 6)
Fiction	76,073	56,851
Non-Fiction	73,184	15,795
Periodicals	9,194	902
Phonorecords	9,229	580
Films & Filmstrips	252	16
Prints	631	167
Other	626	17
School Loans	—	2,864
Total	169,189	77,192

Total Library Circulation — 1973 246,381

1972 254,973

Per Capital Circulation — 10.93

Per Registered Borrower Circulation — 21.9

Interlibrary Loan Borrowed — 354 Loaned — 100

	(292 days) 1972 (293 days Ch. Rm.)	1973 (292 days)
Average Daily Circulation —		
Adult Department	584.79	579.41
Children's Department	287.41	264.36
Total Average Circulation	872.20	843.77

REGISTERED BORROWERS

	1972	1973
Adult	5,512	5,668
Young Adult	2,552	2,602

Children	2,985	2,943
Non-Resident	5	4
Temporary Cards	3	2
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Total Registered Borrowers	11,057	11,219

Reading residents using Common Borrowers cards in 1973 — 276

Reading residents registered at Boston Public Library 1972—482; 1973—465.

Number of Hours Library is open each week —

	Winter Schedule	Summer Schedule
Adult Department	66	57½
Children's Department	56	47½

APPENDIX C

LIBRARY RESOURCES

	Adult Dept.	Children's Dept.	Total
Books, Dec. 31, 1972	51,346	15,048	66,394
Books Added — Fiction	986	514	1,500
Non-Fiction	3,190	512	3,702
Young Adult	420	—	420
Total	4,596	1,026	5,622
Gifts & Memorials (included above) — 68 urn and flowers in front of building			
1 oil painting			
Books Rebound	392		
Books Withdrawn —			
Adult	1,202		
Young Adult	82		
Total	1,284	725	2,009
Net Increase			3,613

Books, Dec. 31, 1973	54,658	15,349	70,007*
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Non-Book Materials, Dec. 31, 1973

Pamphlets	2,989	
Phonorecords	2,601	
Framed Prints	103	
Mounted Pictures	5,734	
Filmstrips	107	
Newspapers	9	(7 daily, 2 weekly)
Periodicals	257	
Microfilm — reels	780	

*This figure does not include 1,179 paperback volumes, which do not go through the normal cataloging procedures.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The new regulatory powers that the Conservation Commission has been assigned under Chapter 131, Section 40 as amended has increased the duties and responsibilities of this organization to such an extent that a full time Conservation Assistant is essential to the proper execution of this law. The Chairman of the Commission has been working full time for the year 1973. Federal and State Funding and the Land Acquisition program require the attention of a paid employee. Chapter 40, Section 8C of the General Laws requires that a Conservation Commission protect the watershed resources as well as promote and develop the natural resources. With the new Conservation Legislation being passed during each session of the legislature, Commission responsibilities have gone beyond the capacity of a volunteer organization. This year, David Galvin worked as a summer employee; Miss Cristine Chamberlain worked for the fall semester from the University of New Hampshire as an intern receiving 15 hours college credit for her work. Mr. Paul Cavacci, a senior in Civil Engineering at Tufts University worked almost full-time for no charge and no college credit from January to March. This is in addition to the Chairman's work. The Commission will ask the March 1974 Town Meeting to appropriate funds to hire a paid Conservation Assistant on a contract basis for the next year with an option to continue the contract for one more year subject to Town Meeting approval. Then, after two years, the Commission will ask that the job be reevaluated so that if the acquisition program has been completed, part time help can again be used. The Commission has no desire to retain an employee if the need no longer exists. For this reason, we will ask to hire the individual on a contract basis.

The 1973 Annual Town Meeting and the September Special Town Meeting voted to acquire for Conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8C of the General Laws, the following lands:

Assessors Plat No.	Lot No.	Location	Acres
249	1	Bare Meadow	3.3 ±
249	2	Bare Meadow	3.0 ±
249	5	Bare Meadow	2.33±
249	6	Bare Meadow	7.02±
237	1	Off Pearl St.	12.8 ±
237	13	Off Pearl St.	1 ±
237	10, 11, 12 (portions)	Off Pearl St.	2 ±
125	2	Cedarswamp	3.3 ±
			<hr/> 34.75±

This 34.75 acres of land, when added to the 310.96 already owned by the Town, makes a total of approximately 345.78 acres (plus or minus) of land owned by the Town of Reading for Conservation purposes.

Article 25 of the Annual Town Meeting appropriated \$23,000 to the Commission in order to enable continued negotiations on property located on Plat 238 and 239.

A state reimbursement of \$1400 has been approved under state self help funding for the purchases in Bare Meadow.

A Federal Reimbursement of \$26,875 has been approved by the Federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance, for the Bare Meadow Acquisition project #25-00129. Another \$13,432.50 in state assistance is scheduled to go before the Lands Committee of the Department of Natural Resources for self-help reimbursement. The Commission wishes to express appreciation to Miss Jane Young, Landscape Architect, for her "Land-Use Plan for the Bare Meadow Brook Acquisition" which she prepared for the town without charge in order to assist us in meeting Federal Reimbursement requirements. Dr. Norton Nickerson, Tufts University, also assisted in preparing the required Environmental Assessment for the Commission application.

At the Town Meeting, the Commission was authorized funds to update the Conservation Plan and for preparation of a Wetlands Protection Map and amendments to the Zoning By-Law. Mr. Charles E. Downe, Registered Professional Engineer Massachusetts 19325 and Member American Institute of Planners, is assisting the Commission in this endeavor.

The Woman's Club, The Garden Club, and the League of Women Voters have been of considerable assistance to the Commission. The Kiwanis Club also is always ready to support efforts to protect the natural resources located within the Town. Two Eagle Scouts projects were completed under the direction of Mr. James R. Boucher, Commission Scout representative, by Steve Jones and Irwin Hunter of Troop 705. Cub Scouts visit the Conservation Office regularly as they work on their Conservation Projects. Speeches on Reading Conservation are made at elementary, Jr. High and High School as requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Anderson,
Chairman

ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of

The Town of Reading, Massachusetts

for the year ending

December 31, 1973

RETIREMENTS—1973

Mr. Roderick E. Macdonald 1937-1973 Assistant Superintendent
for Business & Facilities

Teaching Staff

Miss R. Hilda Gaffney Principal
Alice M. Barrows School 1941-1973

Mrs. Dorothy L. Soar Grade 1
Pearl Street School 1951-1973

Miss Eleanor C. Brooks Mathematics
Reading Memorial High School 1968-1973 Dept. Head

Cafeteria Staff

Mrs. Elizabeth Bates Manager
Alice M. Barrows School 1953-1973

Custodial Staff

Mr. Bernard L. Doucette Custodian
Reading Memorial High School 1960-1973

Mr. Daniel White Custodian
Highland School 1954-1973

NECROLOGY

Mr. John E. Nicholls, Jr. Custodian
Highland School
December 1968-January 1973

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank A. Smith, Jr., 393 Summer Avenue	Term expires 1976
Mrs. Nancy Elgart, 65 Timberneck Drive	Term expires 1974
Mr. W. Bruce MacDonald, 67 Prospect Street	Term expires 1975
Mr. Louis Martinage, 41 Harvard Street	Term expires 1976
Mr. Robert A. Muir, 529 Pearl Street	Term expires 1974
Mr. Kenneth Roberts, 30 Perkins Avenue	Term expires 1975

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Robert S. Wells 19 Oak Street

Assistant Superintendents

Dr. Robert J. Munnelly 28 Talbot Street
Instruction and Personnel Saugus, Mass.

Mr. Ronald A. Winslow 44 Oak Ridge Road
In Charge of Business

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OFFICE

34 Gould Street
Office hours-Monday through Friday-8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1973

Your School Committee had a busy year with the opening of the kindergarten program, evaluating several citizen group studies, considering an alternative elementary school proposal, studying the recommendations and conclusions of the Reading High School Accreditation report as well as with satisfying its own goals to insure continued improvement in the high quality education for Reading children.

The kindergarten program began in September. After much effort, adequate space for the kindergartens was achieved using eight elementary school classrooms and by the renting of three portable classrooms located at the Highland and Pearl Street schools. Three years of careful planning by our professional staff resulted in a very smooth and successful beginning.

The Committee accepted a report prepared by the League of Women Voters summarizing their study of the Reading School system. This report emphasized the value and need for good communications and also expressed their support for more parent volunteers. We share these and several other significant concerns of this group. This civic interest is vital to the betterment of our schools.

Thoughtful consideration was given to a proposal submitted by the Reading Council for Open Education. This plan coupled the renovation of the Community Center with changes in school governance in order to fulfill the perceived need of this group for alternative ways of learning and teaching in Reading. The Committee rejected the proposal because many of its elements were impractical both in timing and budgetary impact. Many of the features of the RCOE's Proposal, particularly individualized instruction, are already part of the Reading school program.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges submitted its evaluation report of R.M.H.S. to the School Committee. This accreditation review resulted in an extensive list of commendations and recommendations for each High School department and service. The School Committee and the professional staff will implement the significant conclusions of this study as part of its long-range action plan.

Your Committee appointed an Ad-Hoc Guidance committee comprised of parents, students, taxpayers, teachers, guidance counselors, as well as School Committee and Administration staff

members. This group has been evaluating the community needs and expectations relative to school guidance and counseling services including the routine guidance functions as well as that necessary for children with special needs. This committee will submit its conclusions and recommendations in January 1974. The School Committee is indebted to these public spirited citizens who gave unselfishly of their time and talent to assist in this area.

The Committee voted to join the Metropolitan Planning Project as an Applicant District member. This Project is aimed at stimulating communities, business groups, cultural institutions, students and parents to develop plans which will help reduce minority isolation in the Greater Boston Metropolitan area. The Reading Community involvement has been commendable and resulted in School Committee approval of a plan to join with Boston's Copley Square High School to submit a proposal "Social Discoveries" to M.P.P. for funding. Some RMHS students will participate with Copley Square students in an intensive single semester course to develop greater knowledge of the basic forms of social organization which compose the fabric of American society.

A new Teacher Advisor Pilot project which was initiated by the RMHS Administration staff was enthusiastically supported by the Committee. The program, called T.A.P., helps orient the high school freshman and provides a teacher advisor to help and guide him. We are confident that this program will prove to warrant expansion.

The Committee approved a plan at RMHS which blends the results of several assessments as well as the goals of the Committee itself together into an orderly approach to insure continued high quality education at RMHS.

The School Committee this year held three of its regular meetings at Pearl, Barrows and Highland Schools in order to promote better attendance of the public at its meetings. We will continue this practice and encourage Townspeople to attend our sessions. During this past year, the Committee has met with several fine young members of the High School Student Advisory Group. We welcome their interest and willingness to work to make RMHS better.

An ongoing concern of your committee is providing the educational opportunities for children with special learning needs. Chapter 766, a State mandated law which places on the Com-

nittee the responsibility for funding and providing these programs for all Reading children from age three to twenty-one, must be implemented by September 1974. We are currently assessing the need and extent for new services and staff as well as the financial impact to carry out this program.

The Committee began negotiating a new contract with the Reading Teachers Association. With reluctance to part with the customary practice of direct negotiations the Committee felt it necessary to hire Mr. Allan Drachman as its professional negotiator to assist in representing the Town in collective bargaining. The RTA has been represented by a professional negotiator for the past two years.

Before closing this report, the retirement of two outstanding staff members must be noted. Miss R. Hilda Gaffney, Principal of Barrows School, retired after thirty-two devoted years in Reading. Likewise, Mr. Roderick Macdonald, Assistant Superintendent, retired after thirty-five years. The expertise and dedication of these two fine people will be long remembered. We wish them well.

In carrying out our tasks this past year, we recognized our responsibility to keep expenditures for high quality education within reasonable bounds. We also recognized our responsibility to continue the tradition of educational excellence in Reading. We thank the various Town Boards, Town Meeting Members and the Townspeople for their support in this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Frank A. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. Nancy Elgart
Mr. W. Bruce MacDonald
Mr. Louis Martinage
Mr. Robert A. Muir
Mr. Kenneth Roberts

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE 1973

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Reading:

The year 1973 was an eventful year for the public schools of Reading, and these events are chronicled in the reports from the School Committee and the Administrative Staff.

I want to point out that there are issues surfacing on the national level that very well may have an impact on our school system and on our community. One that I believe is worthy of your serious attention is the concept of lowering the formal compulsory school age to 14 years. "If the high school is not to be a custodial institution, the State must not force adolescents to attend." This is but one of 32 major recommendations made by a study financed by the Charles F. Kettering Foundation called the "National Commission on the Reform of Secondary Education." This study, conducted by a group of responsible, nationally-known educators, has been considered as the first major study of the American High School since the non-controversial James B. Conant studies of the late 1950's.

The Commission's view is that "The high schools should no longer be required to perform purely custodial functions. Attempts to keep in school adolescents who do not wish to be there damage the environment for learning. The content of traditional high school curricula should be revised to eliminate busy-work components designed merely to occupy the time of adolescents who are in school only because the law requires it."

The recommendation by itself is commendable; however, some of the conclusions based on this recommendation do raise serious questions. Admittedly, the Supreme Court ruling on the Tinker Case in 1968 that "made compulsory education unconstitutional" was one of the significant factors in this matter. Educators are also aware that compulsory attendance is less than successful. In recent years the secondary schools in Reading have experienced a greater disregard for school attendance; large cities experience fewer than half of their enrollment in regular attendance.

This does call for a serious and straightforward look at the relevance of our public schools for the 1970's. I would suggest that the issue of relevance not be restricted to the immediate needs and desires of youth but rather should reflect the longer range needs of society as a whole.

The real issue is not necessarily finding an optimum age for compulsory schooling nor is it an issue confronting just public

education. Unless we are willing to have an additional 5 million youths on our streets, we must find ways to absorb them into industry and commerce, reestablish governmental programs similar to the Civil Conservation Corps of the 1930's, or find some orderly and sensible way to bridge the gap between formal schooling and the world of work.

Meaningful solutions to this and similar problems will have to come from unions, businesses, Government agencies outside the political borders of Reading, but the people of Reading and the professional staff of our schools will have to play a vigorous role in the process.

Our traditional annual report, reflecting experience of the previous calendar year, has to undergo some adjustment as we find ourselves partially through the historic 18-month budget which leads, starting in July 1974, to a July-to-June fiscal year. Thus you will find that information on expenditures is incomplete. Due to lack of progress on bargaining with our Teachers' Association and custodians' union, final salary figures for our next budget cannot be included. Because some specifics of the school calendar are dependent on decisions made in negotiations which, as I mentioned above, are still in process, there will be no calendar published as part of this report covering the 1974-75 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Wells

Superintendent of Schools

STAFF

There are 515 people serving in the following capacities for the 1973-74 school year:

I. Administrative and Specialists		44
Central Office	4	
Principals (and Assistants at RMHS)	13	
Directors	4	
Supervisor	1	
Guidance Counselors	11	
Teachers of Handicapped	11	
II. Teachers		299
High School	93	
Junior High Schools	59	
Elementary Schools	147	
III. Health Department		4
Nurses	3	
Doctor (part-time)	1	
IV. Secretarial, Clerical and Data Processing		22
V. Custodians and Matron		41
VI. Cafeterias		48
VII. Personnel -- Part-time		57
Perceptually Handicapped Tutors	16	
Teacher Aides	41	

The enrollment of The Public Schools as of October 1, 1973, was 6231. In addition, there were 55 students from Reading enrolled in Grades 9 thru 12 at Austin Preparatory School for Boys, making the total school population in Reading as of October 1, 1973, 6286. There were also 88 boys and girls enrolled in Grades 9 thru 12 at the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School.

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Six-Year Summary of Public School Enrollment

Grade	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
K	—	—	—	—	—	403
1	455	509	492	479	453	446
2	458	448	540	488	487	456
3	438	473	496	548	499	481
4	462	454	523	490	543	509
5	439	484	522	526	489	542
6	444	449	547	522	532	483
7	446	480	508	529	532	539
8	461	469	522	501	526	532
9	439	475	468	474	462	476
10	434	466	459	457	468	446
11	385	412	442	447	446	450
12	375	365	406	418	418	425
PG	—	1	3	—	—	—
Special Ed.	28	34	43	39	39	36
Class for Deaf	8	8	6	6	7	7
	5272	5527	5977	5924	5901	6231

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE READING MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR 1973

Once a school year begins in September of any year, the major portion of the time and energy of teachers and administrators is devoted to the primary task of providing the best possible daily instruction to the students under prevailing conditions. The remainder of their time and energy is devoted to thinking about and planning how they can improve what they are doing and what must be done to meet new demands mandated by law. Administrators have somewhat more time for future planning than do teachers, but daily exigencies that command their immediate attention prolong the process of finding good solutions to persisting problems.

One such problem was called to the attention of townspeople in the annual report for 1971 which stated in part ".....there appears to be much more confusion today than ever before about why people should attend high school and what they should be trying to get out of their school experiences. All too many pupils and their parents seem to think that pupils should be allowed to attend school on their own terms, coming to school only when they want to and to attend only those classes that they want to. The need for regular school attendance, punctuality, effort to learn, willingness to accept and abide by reasonable rules of conduct no longer seem to be matters of importance."

In an effort to combat this problem and to convince people that the quality of education that a pupil receives in the school is directly commensurate to the amount of effort he makes to learn, the administration finally formulated new rules relating academic grades to class attendance, effective the beginning of school in September 1973. The primary aim was to reestablish the idea that good effort begins with good class attendance and participation, and that the very least the school should expect of a pupil was for the pupil to come to school with the intent and desire to learn. Despite the seemingly punitive aspects that some people object to, the rules have been effective in reducing truancy from classes quite substantially. The administration is aware that it may be necessary to make certain revisions in the rules as originally stated in order to eliminate some negative side effects and to introduce some elements of reward for superior scholarship. These matters have been under discussion with both teachers and students.

The evaluation report of the visiting committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges was received in mid-December of 1972. On March 29, 1973, we were notified that "the Commission on Public Secondary Schools reviewed the evaluation report of the Reading Memorial High School and the supporting documents and voted to recommend the school for continued membership for a period of five years." On April 27, 1973, we received a follow-up letter highlighting "points identified during Commission deliberations."

This letter stated in part, "...while much has been accomplished in terms of appropriate curriculum change through extensive school-community involvement, it is important to note that establishment of educational priorities is an on-going process. In some respects, further program improvement may be contingent upon improved lines of communication at all organizational levels from the central administrative function to events in the daily lives of students.

"There are numerous recommendations in the School Staff and Administration section that could, if implemented, improve the learning environment. I (Dr. Robert J. Bradley) have been directed to refer specifically to the need for better organization of budgetary procedures, the importance of a systematic approach to curriculum development, and the possibility that up-to-date handbook publications could do much to promote better in-school communications.

.....The two-year progress report will be due on June 1, 1975, indicating the status of each recommendation made by the visiting committee. ...In the two-year report you will be asked to classify each recommendation into one of five categories - Completed, In Progress, Planned for the Future, Rejected or No Action. We will request specific reasons for recommendations rejected and for those where no action has been taken."

Preliminary work on categorizing each of the 244 recommendations contained in the report of the visiting committee was begun soon after the report was received. It is interesting to note that no less than 138 of the 244 recommendations made carry direct or indirect implications for increased expenditures.

We should not encounter too much difficulty in categorizing the non-economic recommendations contained in the report, but, at this point in time, it is impossible to say how many times we will have to reorder our economic priorities under the impact of

runaway inflation, energy crises, material shortages, and now demands imposed upon us by recent legislation.

A significant attempt to improve and expand our guidance services began in September when the pilot TAP program was put into operation. The main purpose of this program is to insure that all freshmen entering the school will have at least one other responsible adult in the school to talk to in addition to their regular guidance counselor. Preliminary contact between pupil and teacher-advisor is established in homerooms and further individual or small-group contacts are maintained at other mutually convenient times. Each guidance counselor works closely with four of the twenty volunteer teacher-advisors who are responsible for the freshmen in their alphabetical split. It is hoped that in this fashion no freshman will feel overwhelmed by the size or lack of personal attention in the school. If this pilot project proves successful it is hoped that we would be able to expand the program to include at least both freshmen and sophomores. The only logistical problem with this arrangement is that teachers and advisors have to be relieved of other non-classroom supervisory duties so that they can have time to perform their guidance function.

We are now well into the second year of our elective curriculum but it is too early to make a thorough evaluation as to its overall efficacy. The main purpose of providing students much greater freedom of curricular choice has been accomplished for many students but not all. Where freedom of choice has been exercised wisely, both students and teachers have found it highly beneficial. Where freedom of choice has not been exercised wisely some problems have arisen related mostly to the broad ranges of pupil ability, maturity and motivation within the same class. We have been making adjustments both in curricular content and scheduling procedures as we go along from one semester to another in order to effect the best possible "fit" for all students. The need for students to become thoroughly familiar with the nature and design of all the options available to them as well as the need for long-range planning and projection of programs of study for two, three or four years seems indicated, and steps are being taken to bring these conditions about.

Our efforts to encourage responsible student participation in the government of school continues unabated. Although the by-laws of the Student Union were changed so as to allow any interested student the opportunity to participate, the number of students actively involved in a wide variety of projects is still

small. About 40 to 55 students meet regularly to discuss the business of the Student Union. In order to improve communications and to enhance the coordination of effort, students elected to the Student Advisory Board to the School Committee chair the four major committees of the Student Union concerned with legal, educational, communicational and social matters of interest to the students. If nothing else, in 1973 we have provided a rational structure and purpose for the student government that can grow as fast and as far as student input warrants.

In cooperation with the PTA we are also continuing our efforts to expand parental involvement in school affairs. We are most appreciative of the help of parents volunteering as library aides, clerical aides, drivers, and as educational and guidance resource people. Our efforts in this last category were limited in 1973, and we hope to expand this part of the program. A subcommittee of the PTA Executive Board has been working with guidance department personnel to utilize the services of many volunteers in presenting a series of occupationally oriented programs to students this winter. As a result of contacts established between individual students and resource people, we anticipate many valuable spin-off effects.

In addition to helping formulate the proposal for an outdoor smoking area for students, the principal's Student-Parent-Faculty Advisory Committee studied the pros and cons of open campus waivers, meeting on one occasion with a representative of the State Department of Education in the spring of 1973. The consensus in these deliberations was that present conditions do not warrant high priority consideration of open campus schemes at RMHS. The Student-Parent-Faculty Advisory Committee has not met since the opening of schools in September but will resume meeting when the need for such meetings becomes apparent.

The outside smoking privileges were discontinued after it became apparent that the student body was not interested in or not capable of providing adequate self-supervision for the area. Continuing vandalism to parts of the building adjacent to the smoking area and other abuses resulting in unnecessary mess could not be tolerated. As far as the administration is concerned, future proposals to resurrect the smoking area, etc., will not be considered unless they incorporate carefully thought out plans for adequate student supervision.

Vandalism, thievery, smoking, and leaving the school and school grounds without permission continue as unresolved problems at the high school just as they do in greater or lesser degree in most communities. The state legislature in its great wisdom sees fit to abolish truancy as a criminal offense and shuts down county training schools but retains mandatory attendance laws. Add to this new laws that make the schools responsible for all students with learning disabilities from age 3 to 21. The "mindlessness" that Silberman attributes to educators is not confined to educators alone. Somewhere, sometime, someday sanity may prevail. This day will come only when people stop expecting schools to solve all the societal problems that nobody else can solve and decide just what it is reasonable to expect the schools to do. Perhaps, in the process, people will decide that the main function of the high school is to teach children who want to learn and that children who do not want to learn don't have to be in school. Further, whatever else it is that those who reject education may need (beginning perhaps with obedience training) may be better provided by social agencies or institutions other than the school. If it is decided that such training should be located within the school, let's call it what it is and not confuse the issue by calling it "alternative education."

Respectfully submitted,

ARA A. KARAKASHIAN

ANNUAL REPORT

Arthur W. Coolidge Jr. High School Walter S. Parker Jr. High
School

We wish to report a number of developments which took place at both Junior Highs in the past year.

Of prime importance was a change in the grouping of students.

This year each student was placed in one of three broad ability levels with classes in each level made as heterogeneous as possible. In essence, it reduces the number of levels in a grade from ten to three and makes for a broader mixture of students in each class.

Different teaching strategies as well as greater and more varied use of our libraries have enabled teachers to effectively deal with the changes. Students receive essentially the same courses at all levels with materials, texts and activities geared for each particular level.

One of the major improvements has been social in nature, especially for lower ability students. Negative identification has been greatly reduced and classmates are available to offer much more both directly and indirectly.

At Parker, teachers have been organized into units of four for scheduling purposes. Each unit is made up of an English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies teacher and each is assigned the same students. This means that each group of teachers has the same students in common, promotes activities involving more than one department and generally enables teachers to work together more effectively.

Data Processing has been employed as a means of reporting pupil progress as well as serving the schools clerically in a number of ways. Report cards were also redesigned in an attempt to better inform parents as to the progress of each student.

Changes and improvements continue to be made in curriculum and methodology as a result of release time and summer workshop activities. Additional electives are now offered, particularly in the areas of Art and Music.

This past year also saw an increase in the number of parent volunteers who worked in our schools. Besides those assisting regularly in the library, many parents offered their time and knowledge to classes with excellent results. We hope this type of activity will continue to grow.

One special item we wish to note was the selection of one of our own as the "Teacher of the Year" in Massachusetts. Mrs. Thais Waldron was accorded the honor and we are all very proud of her accomplishment.

We'd also like to mention the fine care that our buildings continue to receive from the custodial staff. The appearance of the

buildings certainly stands as testimony to the excellent job they do.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Copithorne, Principal
Arthur W. Coolidge
Junior High School
John D. Delaney, Principal
Walter S. Parker
Junior High School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OF READING

R. Hilda Gaffney, the principal of Alice M. Barrows School, retired this June after thirty-two years of teaching service in the Reading Schools.

Charles Papandreou was appointed as the new principal at Barrows, and assumed his new duties in late summer.

One of Hilda Gaffney's key projects came to fruition as our kindergarten program got underway this fall.

Eleven kindergarten rooms are set up in the seven large neighborhood schools to house the 22 class groups in half-day sessions.

To accommodate the classes, portable classrooms have been added to the Highland and the Pearl Street Schools. In all other buildings kindergarten rooms are contained within the buildings; in most cases, rooms for purposes of kindergartens were designed into the original building plans.

An experienced staff of kindergarten teachers has been selected. All teachers have training in kindergarten, and most have experience with kindergarten-age children. Teachers were recruited to our staff in the years past with an eye to the day when kindergarten classes would be an integral part of our school system.

Planning for the kindergarten program began four years ago with the formulation of a study committee whose task was to research and study the latest information relating to early childhood education and develop a guide for use by the classroom teachers in the kindergarten program here in Reading. As a result of this committee's work under the direction of recently retired principal, R. Hilda Gaffney, a guide that explains the philosophy and suggests teaching strategies for use in the kindergarten program has been published.

The teaching staff, selected after many man hours of screening and interviewing by the administrative staff, brings to the kindergarten classrooms a group of well-trained professionals. During the week of August 20-24 an orientation and workshop was held for the kindergarten teachers and principals to acquaint them with the guide and to finalize plans for the opening of kindergartens.

The kindergarten program will offer the child a year of specialized experience, a year of intellectual stimulation and challenge within the framework of a unique environmental setting. The child will have an opportunity to deal with his expanding world on his own level and at his own pace. Unpressured by emphasis on academic skills, the kindergarten child will be encouraged to explore his surroundings, manipulate materials and discover ways of living with others in a satisfying manner.

Curriculum Planning Sessions

September 1973 saw the beginning of curriculum planning time on a weekly basis for the elementary school teaching staff. This time is utilized for a variety of activities aimed at improving the instructional needs of the children in Reading and some of the in-service needs of the teaching staff. Some of these needs call for town wide study, others grade level discussion and planning, and still others need specific building attention.

Town wide grade level meetings afford teachers the opportunity to get together to discuss and share their mutual concerns. These meetings are productive for the teachers since they enable them to coordinate subject areas, share and exchange new ideas, demonstrate techniques for implementing new concepts, and scrutinize commercial materials that are currently being advocated.

Now that the SCIS Science Program has been completely assimilated into our elementary curriculum, continuous, ongoing study and planning are essential to maintain our successful program. In-service workshops are being conducted to develop greater skills for teaching specialized areas of the curriculum, i.e., art and music. Guidance, speech, and learning disability specialists are working with groups of teachers to assist them in recognizing and dealing with the special needs of certain children. Part of the released time is devoted to demonstrations, speakers, and panel discussions on topical educational issues.

Teachers work individually or in small groups on projects specifically designed to individualize instruction which will be of benefit to the children in their own class. Teachers have also conferred with parents on a number of these days. Every effort is made to keep plans flexible in order to provide latitude for teachers to pursue projects that will meet their individual needs.

Elementary Science

The implementation of the Science Curriculum Improvement Program (SCIS) was completed during the 1973 school year with the program being initiated in grades 5 and 6.

In the fifth year of the program pupils are introduced to the concept of energy transfer in the physical science unit **Energy Sources** and of food transfer in the life science unit **Communities**. In these units the interactions of objects and of organisms are investigated from a more comprehensive point of view, in which their dynamic interdependence is taken into account. Pupils apply the systems concept, the identification of variables, and the interpretation of data, with which they have become familiar during the earlier years of the SCIS program.

The sixth year is both a climax and a new beginning. The physical and life science concepts previously studied are integrated in the **Ecosystems** unit, where pupils investigate the exchange of matter and energy between organisms and their environment. The concept of a scientific model is introduced in the physical science unit **Models: Electric and Magnetic Interaction**. Pupils interpret data and make hypotheses of a more sophisticated level. As they carry out the activities, pupils begin to relate matter and energy to electrical phenomena, acquiring a concrete basis for their later understanding of the electrical nature of matter.

In-service training is an important part of the program. In addition to workshop sessions conducted by members of our staff, Professor Kenneth Taylor of Westfield State College conducted training sessions for teachers in grades 4, 5, and 6.

Summer School Program

The Reading School Department conducted a summer school program which was in session from June 25 through July 27, 1973.

The classes were designed to benefit both elementary and secondary students who wanted to enroll for make-up credit, reviewing or enrichment.

At the elementary level, one hundred students participated in the individualized math program for grades 1 - 6. Small group and individual instruction were offered to strengthen and further develop the basic math principles and skills.

The math program was expanded to include an enrichment math program for students in grades 4 through 6. Fifty students enrolled in this program which emphasized the use of manipulative materials to extend on mathematical concepts. In addition, 7th and 8th graders were offered a refresher course to review those areas of concern to the student.

At the high school level, 11th and 12th grade students were offered a new course, Directed Reading. This program was aimed at increasing reading speed and raising the students comprehension of non-fictional material.

Other courses offered to both junior and senior high students were: Personal Typing, Algebra I and II, Driver Education.

The total enrollment for both elementary and secondary was 240 students. The teaching staff consisted of 8.

Title I [S.A.I.L.S.] Summer School Program

The federally funded Title I program was held at the J. Warren Killam School this past summer (June 25-July 27) with approximately 160 youngsters in attendance.

The planning necessary to fulfill the program's goals was accomplished through the cooperative efforts of the Director of Reading, Raymond Sunbury, and the Parent Advisory Council members. Workshops were later held with the specialists, teachers

and the Director of the program to discuss the program's goals and how best to implement them.

The activities involved in this academic program focused on development of the language arts. An extensive use of educational materials and instructional equipment was made available to facilitate individualized curriculum and personal involvement of the children in the learning process.

A staff of 16 teachers and specialists in the field of art, speech, reading, physical education, guidance, learning disabilities, were able to provide a schedule of activities, established on a weekly basis, responsive to the child's needs and interest.

The Community Coordinator and parents arranged for children to go on "mini-trips" to places in the community, and the choice of trip as well as the curriculum designed around the trip was geared to the child's interests and level.

An evaluation of each child was reported to the parent and a copy of this was forwarded to their next year's teacher.

Pupil Personnel Services

Pupil Personnel Services, an area of commitment to pupils in need of special help, carried on its work with effectiveness in 1973.

Project SEEM, the seven-town collaborative program for children with special needs, continued to provide services for our children in the mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, deaf and visually-handicapped areas. Just as in 1972, the emphasis has been toward integration of pupils into regular classes where feasible and possible.

The Perceptually-Handicapped program found a large increase in numbers of pupils served. As of October, 1973, we had 184 pupils enrolled in the program. The staff, consisting of two full-time persons, a coordinator and teacher, and 19 part-time instructors provided the needed services for these pupils to help them in adjusting to their handicaps. The more severely handicapped were tutored on a one-to-one basis, while the moderately severe and less handicapped worked in groups of two or three pupils per instructor.

The health services department tested all school children for vision and hearing, making the proper referrals when necessary. Physical appraisals were performed by the school physician on all students in grades one, four and eight who were not done by their own private doctors.

The annual influenza clinic was held in the early fall for all school personnel who elected to have the immunization.

In February, due to an outbreak of Rubella, a townwide immunization program was conducted, offering it to all pupils through age twelve and to all boys through high school. A state team from the Department of Public Health came in to assist the school physician and the school nurses; and in a single day 1687 pupils were immunized, including 260 pre-schoolers. It was a most successful undertaking

The school nurses continued to make many home calls, as necessary, for health reasons and for various educational evaluations when home interviews were required. All nurses were on call for all schools during the day for first aid and illness.

At Reading High School, teachers, guidance counselors and administrators have embarked upon a pilot project to make larger school size a smaller negative factor in a student's daily life.

Because the first year of high school is such a crucial one for a student's future, the pilot program (called Teacher-Advisor Pilot Project) was started with the ninth grade. From a volunteer group of teachers, a cadre of twenty were selected. The twenty teachers were divided into teams of four, each team working with a counselor. Each teacher then has had the responsibility for the welfare of the 25 or so students.

While the TAP teachers are not expected to be guidance counselors, they are engaging in a workshop series in order to build some counseling skills that will be useful in their work with the ninth graders.

The TAP program will receive an informal evaluation during the course of the year so that its worth can be determined, and its continuation and possible expansion can be decided upon.

At the elementary and junior high level, the guidance department functioned much the same way as in the past. Miss Nancy Kahn, a counselor at the elementary level left our services

in June, 1973, and was replaced by Mrs. Ronnie Ventura, who came to us from the Donnelly Field Health Center, Harvard University, where she was a group counselor and research psychologist.

The scope of Pupil Services has been broadened immensely by the impact of legislation (Chapter No. 766) designed to better serve children with special needs. We have been acting to meet our local needs in an orderly and fiscally responsible way. Additional financing for staffing, instructional materials, planning and training must be provided if the promise of the legislation is to be realized.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter G. Paskowsky
Administrative Assistant
for Pupil Personnel Services

READING ADULT EDUCATION

1973

The Reading Evening Adult Education Program has continued to maintain its high enrollment as well as presenting many more new and varied classes. The following chart compares this progress over the past eight years while under the present director's supervision and indicates a continuing need for the very existence and further growth of the program.

1966-1967	5 courses	enrollment 107 students
1967-1968	14 courses	enrollment 260 students
1968-1969	17 courses	enrollment 360 students
1969-1970	24 courses	enrollment 600 students
1970-1971	27 courses	enrollment 642 students
1971-1972	32 courses	enrollment 704 students
1972-1973	37 courses	enrollment 686 students

Oct. 1973-Dec. 1973 25 courses enrollment 451 students (1/2 year courses and enrollment)

In order to have year-by-year program growth, new courses are introduced in hopes that the many and varied needs of townspeople can be satisfied. All areas of interest are being tapped - vocational, recreational and academic. Courses which have long

been popular are being renewed, such as Clothing I and II, Knitting, Rug Braiding, Crewel and Bargello, Cake Decorating, Flower Arranging, Ladies Gym, Oil Painting, Art, Standard First Aid, Advanced First Aid, Yoga, Mens Gym, Chair Caning, Small Engine Repair and Interior Decorating.

New subjects introduced this year are as follows: Conversational Spanish, Leather Crafting, Do-It-Yourself Dress Form Making, Conversational French, Knowing Your Rights by the Middlesex Bar Association, Speed Reading, and Fly Tying For Fishing.

It is hoped that by remaining adaptive and responsive in scope, the interest in Adult Education by the townspeople will continue to increase. Only by the earnest support of the citizens of Reading can the administration foster and present substantial courses for the enrichment of the adult population of the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Stanley E. Butcher, Director

SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission to the Reading Public Schools a child must have reached the age of four years and eight months on or before August 31 of the entering year. Under no circumstances will children younger than 4 years 8 months be admitted.

Under the laws of the Commonwealth, each child shall attend school beginning in September of the calendar year in which he attains the age of six.

Children entering a public school for the first time will be assigned either to kindergarten or first grade by the building principal after a thorough consideration of pre-school registration information. Registration is normally held in the early spring of each year.

Upon entering school each child is required to present a birth certificate. Certificate of vaccination is no longer required.

NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

“No School” will be announced over Radio Stations: WEEL, WBZ, WHDH, WRKO, WEZE, & WMEX--between 6:45 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. **Please do not phone the police or school officials.**

It is the policy in Reading to have school on all scheduled days and for parents to decide when conditions are such that it would be unwise for their child to attend. However, when travel conditions are such that buses cannot run or the school yards cannot be opened, or other extraordinary conditions exist, school may be cancelled for all schools or for the elementary grades only. This decision will be made by the Superintendent of Schools.

RESIGNATIONS

Reading Memorial High School

Mrs. Virginia Blodgett (from Maternity LOA)	Mathematics
Ms. Anita Christiansen	English
Mrs. Sandra Egan	Physical Education
Mrs. Lynne Laffie	English
Miss Adrienne Miller	Social Studies
William Ostrander	Distributive Education
Mrs. Susan G. Sarney (from Maternity LOA)	Science
Christopher Bowman (10-15-73)	Audio Visual

A. W. Coolidge Junior High School

George Agganis	Mathematics
Dennis E. DiCarlo (10-15-73)	Art
Miss Patricia E. Lockwood (2-2-73)	Art
Mrs. Mary A. Mahoney	Home Economics
Mrs. Barbara C. Nevils	Mathematics

W. S. Parker Junior High School

Bruce Callahan	Science
Mrs. Linda L. Smith (4-6-73)	Science

Alice M. Barrows School-Prospect St. School

Miss Karen J. Stewart	Grade 4
Mrs. Sheryl L. Holbrook	Grade 4

Birch Meadow School

Miss Jo-Ellen Corkery (1-29-73)	Grade 3
Mrs. Lynne LaMarca (from Maternity LOA)	
Mrs. Elaine MacDonald	Grade 1

Joshua Eaton School

Mrs. Anne C. Chase (4-13-73)	Grade 3
Timothy Churchard	Physical Education
Miss Frances L. DePeyster	Grade 5
Mrs. Katharine Gavin	Grade 2
Miss Ellen McNally	Grade 4
Mrs. Jerrilyn Smith	Grade 2

Highland School-Lowell St. School

Mrs. Linda Engleman (from Maternity LOA)	
Miss Linda Zimmer	Grade 4

J. Warren Killam School

Miss Nancy Kahn	Guidance
Mrs. Joan Sweeney (from Maternity LOA)	
Miss Nancy Upson	Grade 4

Pearl St. School

Robert L. Brennan	Grade 5
Miss Susan Kaye	Grade 6

Woburn St. School

Mrs. Ellen Borofsky (5-4-73)	Grade 3
Mrs. Doreen Fortini	Grade 4
Mrs. Barbara Hanley	Grade 1
Miss Patricia Sullivan	Grade 3

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Maternity

Mrs. Louise G. Durham	English	Coolidge Jr. High School 6-30-73
Mrs. Nancy B. Miller	English	Coolidge Jr. High School 6-30-73
Mrs. Gail DerAnanian	Physical Education	Parker Jr. High School 2-2-73
Mrs. Carol Temkin	Grade 6	Joshua Eaton School 6-30-73
Mrs. Claire Bitinas	Grade 3	Highland School 6-30-73
Mrs. Susaanah O'Donnell	Grade 4	Killam School 6-30-73
Mrs. Claire DiNatale	Grade 1	Pearl St. School 12-21-73

Health

Miss Pauline Caruso	English	Parker Jr. High School 6-30-73
Mrs. Margaret Burnham	Grade 2	Alice Barrows School 6-30-73
Miss Roberta Kelley	Grade 5	Killam School 6-30-73
Mrs. Mary Sullo	Grade 1	Birch Meadow School 11-2-73

Sabbatical

Walter Cahill ~ 1 yr.	English	Reading Memorial High School
Mrs. Thais Waldron ½ yr.	French English	Parker Junior High School

Appointments

Administration

Ronald A. Winslow	Business Manager
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Reading Memorial High School

Miss Gladys E. Benshimol	Physical Education
Joseph F. Cain (10-11-73)	Audio Visual
Mrs. Lois J. Coit	English
Francis A. DiLuna	Science
Miss Susan Frey	Mathematics
Mrs. Marguerite E. Grimes	Mathematics
Ronald N. Howland	English
H. Bigelow Moore	Distributive Education
Miss Michelle J. Owaroff (1-yr. appointment)	English
Miss Linda C. Robinson	Social Studies

Arthur W. Coolidge Junior High School

Dennis E. DiCarlo (Resigned 10-15-73)	Art
Mrs. Mary Ellen Foulds	Mathematics
Mrs. Ruth E. Hood	Home Economics
Miss Lucy A. Nittolo	Science
Miss Ruth Salter	English
Francis A. Sateriale	Science
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Twomey	English
Mrs. Maureen Zolubos	Mathematics

Walter S. Parker Junior High School

Miss Kathleen A. Forbush (1-yr. appointment)	Physical Education
Miss Nancy L. Golon	Science
Miss Katherine S. Jacobitz	Science
Mrs. Janice C. Jonas (1-yr. appointment)	English

Alice M. Barrows School

Mrs. Claire Lange	Grade 4
Mrs. Angelica Papke	Grade 1
Miss Eileen B. Shine	Grade 2

Birch Meadow School

Mrs. Roberta Marino	Grade 1
Mrs. Janyce E. Slack (2-12-73)	Grade 3

Joshua Eaton School

Miss Linda M. Clare	Grade 1
Miss June E. Clarke	Grade 4
Mrs. Janis E. Gerety	Grade 2
Mrs. Carol A. Livingston	Grade 3
Miss Kathleen McAleavey	Grade 5
Mrs. Doris Parry	Grade 1
Mrs. Ina M. Segal	Grade 3

Highland School

John T. Babine	Grade 4
Miss Christine B. Price	Grade 3

J. Warren Killam School

Miss Linda A. Augello	Grade 5-6
Mrs. Ruth A. Clark	Grade 1
Mrs. Sharon I. Dugan	Grade 1
Miss Priscilla H. Smalzel	Grade 4
Mrs. Ronnie Ventura	Elementary Guidance
Mrs. Carol M. White	Grade 2

Lowell Street School

Mrs. Kathleen A. Doiron	Grade 1
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Pearl Street School

Bernard Creeden	Grade 1
Mrs. Doris C. Shaw	Kindergarten
Miss Harriet Silverstein	Grade 6
Mrs. Beverly A. Stephens	Kindergarten

Prospect Street School

Miss Elaine P. Smith	Grade 4
Miss Miriam C. Wiltman	Grade 1

Woburn Street School

Michael H. DeLong	Grade 5
Miss Sally J. Hatfield	Grade 3
Miss Barbara A. Murphy	Grade 4
Mrs. Susan Rettberg	Grade 6

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

(Date after name indicates year of appointment)

Administrators

Robert S. Wells, B.S., M.S. Ed., Ed. D. (1965)	Superintendent
Robert J. Munnely, B.S., M.A., C.A.S., Ed. D. (1970)	Assistant Superintendent (Instruction and Personnel)
Ronald A. Winslow, B.A., M. Ed. (1973)	Assistant Superintendent (for Business)
Walter G. Paskowsky, B.S., M. A. (1960)	Administrative Assistant for Pupil Personnel Services (1969)

Directors

Walter E. Hawkes, B.S., Ed. M. (1933)	Director of Athletics (1958) and Physical Education (1967)
J. Douglas Oliver, A.B., M. Mus. Ed. (1948)	Director of Music
Raymond G. Sunbury, B.S., M.S. (1969)	Director of Reading
Roberta D. Thresher, B.S., Ed. M. (1959)	Director of Art

Reading Memorial High School

Ara A. Karakashian, B.S., M. Ed. (1954)	Supervising Principal (1960)
Ernest G. Spence, B.S., M.S. Ed. (1951)	Assistant Principal (1960)
Leonard F. D'Orlando, A.B., M.A.T. (1958)	Assistant Principal (1969)
Isa K. Zimmerman, A.B., M.A.T., Ed. D. (1971)	Assistant Principal
Willis Anderson, A.B. (1955)	Social Studies
Bruce Appleby, A.B., M. Ed. (1963)	Social Studies
Virginia Bartlett, B.S., M. Ed. (1958)	Physical Education
Gladys L. Benshimol, B.S. (1973)	Physical Education
Franklin R. Berkey, B.A., B.D., M. Ed., C.A.E.S. (1971)	Guidance
Alton L. Black, A.B., M.A. (1963)	Mathematics
Thomas W. Blaney, B.S.B. Ed., M.S. (1969)	Business Education
Everett A. Blodgett, B.E. (1970)	Science
Philip Blum, A.B., M.S. (1970)	Physics
Harold E. Bond, B.A., M.A. (1956)	English
Edward P. Brady, B.S. Ed., M.A. (1968)	Guidance
David L. Brett, B.S. (1965)	Business Education
Cornelius J. Brosnan, Jr., B.A. (1970)	Social Studies

David L. Castine, B.A., M. Ed. (1967)	Guidance (1970)
Lynne M. Cavanaugh, B.A. (1970)	English
Angela-Jean Chiaramida, B.A. (1972)	Social Studies
Lois J. Coit, B.A. (1973)	English
R. Gilbert Congdon, B.A. (1968)	Mathematics
Martha C. Cook, B.S., M. Ed. (1970)	Chemistry
Norman P. Cormier, B.A., M. Ed. (1971)	English
Harold A. Croft, B.A. (1970)	English
Marilyn B. Durkin, B.S. (1972)	Mathematics
Emery W. DeBeck, A.B. (1967)	Mathematics
Pearl M. Dee, B. Ed., M.S. (1963)	Home Economics
Mary A. Dilg, A.B., M.A. (1971)	English
Francis A. DiLuna, B.S. (1973)	Biology
Robert P. Donovan, B.A. (1970)	Spanish
Robert H. Dunbar, A.B., M. Ed. (1957)	Chairman, Social Studies Dept.
Katherine F. Ebeling, B.A., M.A.T. (1972)	Social Studies
Susan J. Frey, B.S., Ed. M. (1973)	Mathematics
David L. Garland, B.S., Ed. M., M.S. (1956)	Dept. Head, Biology & Anatomy
Corinne Gediman, B.A. (1972)	English
Sharon L. Gerstein, B.A. (1970)	French
Richard C. Gillis, B.S. (1966)	Business Education
Roslyn C. Goldklang, B.A., M.A. (1971)	Biology
Edrea M. Grabler, B.A. (1972)	French/Spanish
Peter B. Greene, B.A., M. Ed. (1966)	Social Studies
Marguerite E. Grimes, A.B. (1973)	Mathematics
Arthur J. Hales, B.S. (1968)	Physical Education
Richard W. Ham, A.B., A.M., (1958)	French, Foreign Language Dept. Head
Michael F. Harney, B.S.E. (1970)	Industrial Arts
Helen M. Hart, A.B., A.M. (1957)	Guidance
William J. Hart, B.A. (1972)	English
Wendell W. Hodgkins, A.B., M.A. (1957)	Chairman, English Dept. (1971)
John A. Hollingsworth, Jr., B.S., M. Ed. (1955)	Mathematics
Ronald N. Howland, B.A. (1973)	English
Eugene Kaczowka, B.S., M. Ed. (1968)	Mathematics
John J. Kelly, Jr., B.S., M.A., Ph. D. (1972)	Social Studies
Leo P. Kenney, B.S. (1970)	Biology
Mary F. Lanouette, B.A. (1970)	Latin, French
Dorothy J. Lebach, A.B. (1970)	French
Maureen K. LeClaire, B.S. (1970)	Physical Education
Kenneth M. Levesque, B.S., Ed. M. (1967)	Business Education
Bernice M. Lobdell, A.B. (1961)	French
Eleni J. LoPorto, B.A. (1972)	English
Donald J. Lovely, A.B., M. Ed. (1957)	Social Studies
Patricia R. Lumry, B.A. (1972)	English
Vivian S. Maalouf, A.B., A.M. (1970)	Biology, IPS
Bigelow Moore, A. B. (1973)	Distributive Education
C. Edward Morrison. Adv. Voc. Teach. Cert.	Industrial Arts

Joan E. Morse, B.A., M. Sc. (1972)	Librarian
James T. Murphy, B.S., M. Ed., M.S. (1953)	Science Dept. Head
Thomas F. Myslicki, B.S. (1972)	Physical Education
David Nathans, B.A., M. Ed. (1969)	Mathematics
Robert M. Neely, B.A., M.A. (1970)	Social Studies
Joseph V. Nisco, B.A. (1959)	French, Spanish
Cheryl I. O'Brien, B.S. (1968)	Business Education
William O'Keefe, B.S., M. Ed. (1954)	Secondary Guidance (1957)
Michele J. Owaroff, B.A., M.A.T. (1973)	English
John B. Pacino, B.S., M. Ed., C.A.G.S. (1945)	Guidance
Robert F. Patterson, B.S.E. (1959)	Industrial Arts
Joseph S. Paulson, B.S.M.E. (1972)	Industrial Arts
Jerome H. Perry, B.S., Ed. M. (1957)	Physics, Science, IPS
Norman K. Powers, Jr., B. A. (1972)	IPS
E. Jane Reed, B.S., Ed. M., C.A.G.S. (1958)	Chairman, Bus. Ed. Dept.
Steven A. Rhodes, B.A. (1966)	Mathematics
Gladys M. Roberts, B.S. Ed. (1968)	Business Education
Linda C. Robinson, B.A. (1973)	Social Studies
James L. Roth, A.B., MME (1957)	Music
Geraldine F. Roy, B.S., M.A. (1950)	Art
Helen E. Scannell, B.A., M. Ed., C.A.G.S. (1970)	Business Education
Paul A. Schapira, B.A. (1972)	Mathematics
Susan E. Sellers, B.A., M.A.T. (1972)	Social Studies
Jean S. Silva, B.A. (1968)	Librarian
Paul W. Soule, A.B. (1966)	Biology
Sally Stembridge, A.B. (1955)	English
Meredith L. Suld, A.B., M.A., M.R.E. (1968)	French
Nadine W. Sutherland, A.B., B.S. (1962)	Home Economics
Robert R. Swanson, B.A. (1970)	Social Studies
Charles G. Symonds, B.S. (1970)	Mathematics
Eric A. Turner, B.S., M. Ed. (1969)	Mathematics Dept. Head
Peter J. Valeska, B.A., M. Ed. (1970)	Social Studies
Frederick C. Wales, B.S.E. (1942)	Dept. Head-Industrial Arts
Charles A. Whipple, B.A., M. Ed. (1972)	Social Studies
John W. White, Jr., B.S., M. Ed. (1958)	Physical Education
Theiss E. Winkler, B.A. (1965)	English
Peter T. Wood, Jr., B.A., M.A. Ed. (1970)	Art
Kevin J. Zenewicz, B.A. (1969)	Chemistry
Joseph F. Cain, B.A., M. Ed. (10-11-73)	Audio-Visual

Health Office at High School

Robert W. Wakeling, D.O.	School Physician, 125 Main Street
Evora P. Bacon, R.N. (1964)	Supervisor of Health Services (1972)
Ruth E. Schubarth, R.N. (1972)	School Nurse at High School
Myrtle A. Waelde, R.N. (1963)	School Nurse at Killam

Arthur W. Coolidge Junior High School

John R. Copithorne, B.A., M. Ed. (1946)	Supervising Principal (1960)
Louis A. Adreani, B.S., Ed. M. (1955)	Asst. Principal (1965) & Science
Polly H. Alexander, B.S., M. Ed. (1967)	Librarian
E. Ann Bowman, B.A. (1962)	French
John R. Burns, B.S., M. Ed. (1960)	Social Studies Dept. Head
Richard G. Chapman, B.S., M. Ed. (1958)	Guidance Counselor (1965)
Louise Clum, B.A. (1971)	English
Elisabeth A. Dagdigian, A.B., M. Ed. (1953)	English Dept. Head
Robert B. Dinwoodie, Jr., B. Ed. (1961)	Industrial Arts
John J. Fasciano, B.S. Ed., M. Ed., (1959)	Science
Walter J. Fitzgerald, B.S. Ed. (1965)	Physical Education
Mary E. Foulds, B.A. (1973)	Mathematics
Ruth E. Hood, B.S. (1973)	Home Economics
Jennifer L. Lindquist, B.A. (1972)	Social Studies
William A. McQuillen, B.A., M.A. (1967)	Social Studies
Robert F. Mingolelli, B.A. (1964)	Music
Elizabeth A. Morrison, B.S. (1970)	Special Education
Ronald C. Morrison, B.S. (1967)	Science
Lucy A. Nittolo, B.S. (1972)	Science
Sandra L. Osborn, B.S. Ed. (1969)	Home Economics
Marjorie T. Pacino, A.B., M. Ed. (1964)	Mathematics-Dept. Head
Robert M. Quinn, B.S., M. Ed. (1969)	Social Studies
Ruth Salter, B.S. (1973)	Language Arts
Francis A. Sateriale, B.S. (1973)	Science
Michael Scarpitto, B.A. (1972)	Language Arts
Frank E. Tuxbury, Jr., A.B., M. Ed. (1961)	Mathematics
Elizabeth A. Twomey, A.B., M. Ed. (1973)	English
Robert S. Ward, B.S. (1969)	Industrial Arts
Mary O. Wilson, B.S. (1961)	Physical Education
Terry M. Woody, B.A. (1968)	English & Social Studies
Maureen H. Zolubos, B.A. (1973)	Mathematics

Walter S. Parker Junior High School

John D. Delaney, B.S., M. Ed. (1964)	(1972) Supervising Principal
Stanley E. Butcher, A.B., M.A. (1949)	Asst. Principal & Social Studies
Donald F. Adams, B.S., M.S. (1959)	English
Raymond E. Anderson, B.S., M. Ed. (1961)	Mathematics
Elaine L. Berg, B.S. (1971)	Mathematics
William R. Carne, B.S., M. Ed. (1966)	Science Dept. Chairman
William D. Cowles, B.S., M. Ed. (1965)	Mathematics
Roberta E. Dollase, A.B., M.A.T. (1972)	Library
Kathleen A. Forbush, B.S. (1973)	Physical Education
Donald B. Garland, B.S. Ed., M. Ed. (1956)	Science
Nancy L. Golon, B.S. (1972)	Mathematics
Donald G. Green, B.M. (1958)	Music

Lois W. Harkless, B.S. (1970)	Art
Peter C. Hichborn, B.S. (1968)	English
Katherine S. Jacobitz, B.S. (1973)	Science
Janice C. Jonas, B.A. (1973)	English
Albert W. Kent, B.S. (1943), (1961)	Mathematics
Helen R. Knight, B.S.E., Ed. M. (1946)	English Dept. Chairman
Albert A. Lahood, B.A., M.S. Ed. (1960)	Guidance
Alice A. Lovely, B.S., M.S. (1950)	Home Economics
Wilburt G. MacGregor, B.A., M.A.T. (1961)	Social Studies
James D. McCann, B.S., M. Ed., M.A.T. (1963)	Social Studies Dept. Head
John T. McHugh, B.A. (1970)	Social Studies
Donald E. Meroth, B.S. (1967)	Physical Education
Edward J. O'Gorman, B.S. (1957)	Industrial Arts
Priscilla B. Perry, A.B., Ed. M. (1957)	French
E. Lorraine Pulson, B.S., M. Ed. (1947)	Social Studies
Jean B. Putney, B.S. (1964)	Home Economics
Michael J. Tierney, B.A. (1967)	Industrial Arts
Francis S. Tyburc, B.S. Ed. (1972)	Social Studies
Patricia J. White, B.A. (1971)	English
Joan A. Hunnefeld, B.A., M. Ed. (1961)	Perceptually Handicapped

Alice M. Barrows School

Charles N. Papandreou, A.B., M. Ed. (1960)	Supervising Principal (1973)
Jean W. Bennett, Salem Normal (1955)	Asst. Principal & Grade 5
Judith A. Angus, B.S. Ed. (1962)	Grade 4
Mary A. Boyle, B.A. (1966)	Grade 2
Marcia C. Brown, B.S. (1971)	Grade 5
Susan B. Cacciola, B.S. Ed. (1970)	Kindergarten
Clarice L. Cooke, Bouve (1967)	Grade 1
Rosanne N. DeGregorio, B.S. (1968)	Grade 5
Barbara N. Flannery, B.A., M.A.T. (1972)	Reading
Carol B. Hartman, B.A., M. Ed. (1970)	Intermediate Trainables
William S. Hewitt, A.B., Ed. M., C.A.G.S. (1972)	Grade 6
Nancy P. Jolly, B.S. (1971)	Physical Education
Claire M. Lange, B.S. (1973)	Grade 4
Barbara J. Maguire, B.S. (1971)	Grade 6
Joan-Anne Marshall, B.S. (1968)	Grade 3
Angelica E. Papke, B.S. (1973)	Grade 1
Dorothy R. Payzant, B.L. I. (1953)	Speech Therapist (1966)
Jane N. Rosa, B.A., B.S. (1972)	Music
Eileen B. Shine, B.A., M.A. (1973)	Grade 2
Helen S. Taylor, B.S. (1970)	Speech Therapist
Virginia H. Walters, B.S. (1967)	Grade 3

Birch Meadow School

Dennis F. Murphy, B.S. Ed., M. Ed. (1953)	Supervising Principal (1960)
Ronald L. Wood, B.S., M. Ed. (1960)	Asst. Principal (1965) & Grade 5
Joseph R. Allosso, B.S. (1968)	Physical Education
Lucille A. Anciello, B.S., M. Ed. (1971)	Grade 4
Nancy A. Bruns, B.A., M.A. (1970)	Grade 2
Janice A. Feagley, B.S. (1970)	Grade 4
Diana C. Kelley, B.S. (1966), (1972)	Grade 5
Deborah D. Lynch, B.S. (1971)	Grade 3
Roberta A. Marino, B.A. (1973)	Grade 1
Kaye S. Micheline, B.A. (1970)	Grade 5
Cheryl H. Olanoff, B.A., M. Ed. (1971)	Grade 3
Gloria S. Rosenthal, B.S. (1949), (1955), (1967)	Grade 6
Janyce E. Slack, B.A. (1973)	Grade 3
Louise Spracklin, B.S., M. Ed. (1957)	Reading
Carol J. Tarpin, B.S. (1972)	Grade 2
Marilyn A. Vitiello, B.A. (1971)	Grade 2
Eleanor C. Wall, B.A. (1971)	Grade 4
Marion T. Weagle, B.S.E. (1946)	Grade 1
Carol A. Wertheim, B.A., Ed. M. (1966)	Grade 6
Paul E. Zalubas, B.S., Ed. M., C.A.G.S (1966)	Grade 6

Joshua Eaton School

Eleanor M. Skahill, B.S. Ed., Ed. M. (1943)	Supervising Principal (1952)
Vincent J. Blandini, B. Ed. (1964)	Asst. Principal (1972) & Grade 6
Rebecca H. Alexander, B.A., M. Ed. (1962)	Perceptually Handicapped
Anne P. Baker, Danbury Normal (1954)	Grade 2
Linda M. Clare, B.S. (1973)	Grade 1
June E. Clarke, B.A. (1973)	Grade 4
Karen A. Clough, B.A., M. Ed. (1971)	Grade 1
Maureen E. Collins, B.S. (1969)	Grade 3
Shirley J. Crompton, B.S. (1955)	Grade 4
David J. Dolan, A.B., M. Ed. (1970)	Grade 6
Carol O. Everson, B.S., M. Ed. (1966)	Grade 5
Mary R. Fuller, B.A., M. Ed. (1970)	Grade 6
Janis E. Gerety, B.S. (1973)	Grade 2
Marie M. Hagman, B.M. (1954)	Supervisor of Primary Music
Elizabeth B. Klaiman, A.B., M. Ed. (1964)	Reading
Mary L. Leary, B.S. (1961)	Grade 1
Carol A. Livingston, B.S. (1973)	Grade 3
Kathleen A. McAleavey, B.S. (1973)	Grade 5
Rosemary C. McKenna, B.S. (1973)	Physical Education
Doris A. Parry, B.A., M.S. (1973)	Grade 1
Linda J. Provo, B.A. (1969)	Instructional Media Specialist (1972)
Christine C. Redford, B.S. (1972)	Grade 5
Marion E. Saylor, A.B., M. Ed. (1960)	Grade 4
Ina M. Segal, B.S. (1967), (1973)	Grade 3

Highland School

Donald B. Farnham, B.S., Ed. M., C.A.G.S. (1955)	Supervising Principal (1964)
Frances F. Akell, B.S., Ed. M. (1958)	Reading
Linda J. Anderson, B.A. (1970)	Grade 5
Judith N. Applebaum, B.A. (1969)	Grade 5
John T. Babine, B.A. (1973)	Grades 5-6
Richard H. Downes, B.S. (1973)	Grade 4
Gertrude B. Drozek, Salem Teachers (1964)	Grade 1
Harold B. Elder, B.S. (1972)	Grade 4
Beverly A. Janson, B.S. (1972)	Grade 2
Barbara E. Leslie, B.S. (1971)	Grade 3
Barbara A. Lubotsky, B.S. (1972)	Grade 6
Eleanor G. MacMillan, B.S. (1968)	Kindergarten
Irene Montigny, B.A. (1955)	Grade 6
Genevieve B. Norcott, A.B. (1970)	Grade 1
Nancy G. Powell, B.S. (1970)	Grade 2
Christine B. Price, B.A., M.A.T. (1973)	Grade 3
Peter H. Teloian, B.S. Ed., M. Ed. (1964)	Guidance

J. Warren Killam School

John F. Morabito, B.S., M.A. (1954)	Supervising Principal (1959)
Joyce Y. Manchester, B.S. (1969)	Asst. Principal & Grade 6
Gail M. Amiralian, B.S. (1972)	Grade 4
Linda A. Augello, B.A. (1973)	Grade 5-6
Linda M. Boren, B.A., M. Ed. (1971)	Primary Trainable
Joseph M. Buckley, Jr., B.S. (1970)	Grade 4
Marian K. Carlyle, B.S. (1972)	Kindergarten
Ruth A. Clark, B.A. (1973)	Grade 1
Virginia A. Collins, B.S., M. Ed. (1971)	Grade 5
Anne F. Coneeney, B.S., M.E. (1963)	Kindergarten
Sharon I. Dugan, B.S. (1973)	Grade 1
Nancy L. Dugmore, B.S., M. Ed. (1969)	Grade 1
Anne Esposito, B.S. (1969)	Grade 2
Elaine C. Hondorf, B.A., M.S. (1971)	Librarian
Diana M. Kasarjian, B.S. (1969)	Grade 3
Margaret H. Keene, B.S., M. Ed., C.A.G.S. (1959), (1969)	Reading
John H. Kelliher, B.S. (1971)	Grade 6
Rose Lentini, A.B., M. Ed. (1958)	Special Education
Constance A. Lewis, B.A. (1972)	Elementary Art
Dorothea P. Littlefield, B.S. (1969)	Grade 5
Jean M. Maloney, B.S. (1970)	Grade 2
Dorn F. Mar, B.A., M.A. (1970)	Grade 6
Ellen Messing, B.A., M.A., (1971)	Teacher of the Deaf
Judith J. Messinger, A.B., M. Ed. (1969)	Emotionally Disturbed
Eunice Mosher, B.S., (1972)	Grade 6
Sona S. Naroian, B.S. (1969)	Grade 1
Elise O'Brien, B.S. (1969)	Physical Education

Donna M. Ryan, B.S. Ed. (1968)	Kindergarten
Priscilla H. Smalzel, B.A. (1973)	Grade 4
Helen M. Thebideau, B.S. (1955)	Elementary Art
Judith G. Upham, B.S. (1969)	Grade 3
Ronnie G. Ventura, B.A., M. Ed. (1973)	Guidance
Susan T. Wheltle, B.A. (1971)	Elementary Art
Carol M. White, B.A. (1973)	Grade 2

Lowell Street School

Donald B. Farnham	Supervising Principal
Dorothy Conron, B.S. Ed. (1953)	Building Principal & Grade 2
Kathleen A. Doiron, B.S. (1973)	Grade 1
Claire L. Flynn, A.B. (1969)	Grade 3
Pamela P. Hadden, B.S. (1971)	Grade 4

Pearl Street School

Paul A. Guerrette, B.S., M. Ed. (1965)	Supervising Principal (1968)
Donald L. Welford, B.S. Ed. (1970)	Asst. Principal (1973) & Grade 5
Ann L. Adams, B.S. (1961)	Grade 3
Jane E. Barry, B.S. (1963)	Grade 5
Mary E. Boghossian, B.S. (1956)	Grade 2
Marguerite S. Brisbois, A.B. (1966), (1968)	Grade 2
Jane G. Clancy, A.B., M. Ed. (1957), (1967)	Grade 6
Constance Cooke, B. S., M. Ed. (1970)	Grade 2
Bernard F. Creeden, B.A. (1973)	Grade 1
Maya C. Das, B.A., M. Ed. (1960)	Grade 4
Claire R. DiNatale, B.S. (1969) (Maternity LOA 12-22-73)	Grade 1
Nina Gendelman, B.S., M.S. (1972)	Instructional Media Specialist
Janet M. Hogan, B.S. (1970)	Grade 3
Jean E. Jacob, B. Ed. (1955)	Grade 4
Doris V. Kent, B.S. (1960)	Grade 1
Ann M. Robleski, B.A. (1968)	Grade 6
Doris C. Shaw, A.B. (1973)	Kindergarten
Harriet L. Silverstein, B.A., M. Ed. (1973)	Grade 6
Beatrice Stasinopulos, B.S., M. Ed. (1952)	Grade 5
Beverly A. Stephens, B.S. (1973)	Kindergarten
Jean E. Weatherbee, B.S. (1972)	Grade 4
Deborah C. Witherell, A.B., M. Ed. (1971)	Reading

Prospect Street School

Charles N. Papandreou	Supervising Principal
Edna L. Rohwedder, B.S. Ed., M. Ed. (1943), (1965)	Building Principal (1969) & Grade 3
M. Gaynell Knowlton, B.A. (1972)	Grade 2
Elaine P. Smith, B.S. (1973)	Grade 4
Miriam C. Wiltman, B.S., M. Ed. (1973)	Grade 1

Woburn Street School

Herbert Baron, B.S., Ed. M. (1955)	Supervising Principal (1970)
James K. Dumas, B.S., Ed. M. (1970)	Asst. Principal (1970) & Grade 6
Mary A. Bagdasarian, B.S. (1970)	Grade 5
June S. Brown, B.S. (1969)	Grade 2-3
Richard N. Crump, B.S., Ed. M. (1964)	Elementary Guidance
Michael H. DeLong, B.S. (1973)	Grade 5
Paula A. Forman, B.A. (1970)	Grade 3
Michaelene M. Gaffney, B.A., M.A. (1970)	Grade 6
Paul D. Graveline, B.A., Ed. M. (1970)	Reading
Sally J. Hatfield, B. S. (1973)	Grade 3
Caryn G. Mofenson, B.A. (1970)	Kindergarten
Barbara A. Murphy, B.S. Ed. (1973)	Grade 4
Lois R. Murphy, B.S. Ed. (1959), (1969)	Grade 1
Shirley M. Osborne, B.A. (1971)	Grade 2
Adele M. Pekins, B.S. Ed. (1971)	Grade 5
Susan M. Rettberg, B.A. (1973)	Grade 6
Barbara J. Seaward, B.S. (1972)	Grade 2
William G. Webb, B. Ed., D.M. Ed. (1964)	Grade 4
Barry R. Wright, B.S. (1972)	Grade 1

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
Led by Class President Paula Gillis

STAR SPANGLED BANNER Key-Smith
Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER The Reverend Matthew J. Coughlin

SALUTATORY Raymond Zemlin
Optimism: An Answer to a Difficult World

REMARKS by Foreign Exchange Student Just Almoas

VALEDICTORY Susan Casey
Getting Back to Man

SCHOLASTIC HONORS
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by Mr. Louis Martinage, School Committee Member

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Mrs. Nancy Elgart, School Committee Member

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 ** Carol A. Baranofsky
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 ** Wayne Scott Bassett
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 ** Deborah Lynn Benson
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SEVENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD
for the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 1973

**GENERAL STATISTICS OF
READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT**

A TEN YEAR COMPARISON

SYSTEM OUTPUT	1963	1973
Energy Purchased Kilowatt Hours	134,822,079	333,479,427
Cost per Kilowatt Hour Purchased	1.3879c	2.0309c
System Peak Kilowatt Load	30,672	68,080

KILOWATT HOURS SOLD

Residence	57,195,955	118,244,665
Industrial and Commercial	65,616,005	194,548,536
Others	2,500,880	4,772,378
Total	125,312,840	317,565,579

NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS

Residence	13,592	16,848
Industrial and Commercial	987	1,385
Others	118	138
Total	14,697	18,371

OPERATING REVENUE

Residence	\$1,679,323.00	\$3,753,021.16
Industrial and Commercial	1,341,324.00	5,232,418.27
Others	82,952.00	206,009.87
Total	\$3,163,599.00	\$9,191,449.30

AVERAGE REVENUE PER KWH

Residence	2.9361c	3.1739c
Industrial and Commercial	2.0442c	2.6895c
Others	3.3169c	4.3167c
Average Revenue All KWH	2.4767c	2.8943c

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Paul C. Nicholas	Term Expires 1974
John H. Crooker	Term Expires 1975
William H. Parker, III	Term Expires 1976

Norbert D. Rhinerson

General Manager

25 Haven Street

Reading, Massachusetts

MANAGER'S REPORT

To: The Municipal Light Board

Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted is the seventy-ninth annual report of the Municipal Light Department.

At 6:16 p.m. on December 29, all power from Boston Edison was being purchased at the Kenneth E. Gaw Substation on Causeway Road. This was the culmination of the construction begun in July in which the third transformer was energized and other facilities added to the existing station which increased the Light Department's firm purchase power capacity to 100,000 kVa. Projections indicate that this will be sufficient for the Reading system until approximately mid 1976. This date may be extended somewhat if the present energy crisis reduces customer demands materially.

Five capacitor installations, four at the Gaw Station and one at Ash Street, the installation of which will complete the major construction, were expected to be complete in early 1974. These capacitors will materially aid in reducing the purchased kVa demand from Boston Edison Company.

The second 115kV stepdown station planned to be installed east of Main Street near the North Reading Town Line has been held up because of problems in obtaining land. Negotiations are continuing with the owners and it is hoped that this will be resolved so that preliminary engineering can begin soon. Town Meeting approval was given in the Fall of 1973 for the \$2,000,000. bond issue necessary to finance the construction, but not for taking the land.

Federal Power Commission hearings on the 35% wholesale rate increase by Boston Edison, effective January 1, 1973, began on June 12th, and continued until late October when they were adjourned until February 14, 1974. It appears that these hearings will continue for some time in 1974 and it is doubtful if there will be a decision within that year. This wholesale rate increase necessitated the Reading Municipal Light Department's imposition of a 26% surcharge on all billings. This surcharge was designed to only recover the increased wholesale rate charges and no more. The surcharge did not quite recover all of the increased power costs so there will be a small increase in rates averaging 3% during early 1974.

The wholesale rate increase by Boston Edison effective on May 1, 1970 until they were increased further on January 1, 1973 was ruled upon favorably by the Federal Power Commission Administrative Law Judge on July 19, 1973. On November 9, all parties had completed their legal briefings and the case is now before the Federal Power Commission for their decision. If the Commission approves the Judge's findings, Reading should receive a substantial rebate. Reading paid out over \$600,000. in increased wholesale rates during that 32 month period.

For the second consecutive year, our system experienced a summer peak demand. Previously, winter peaks were the rule but substantial air conditioning has changed all that. Much additional distribution construction will be required because of this increased summer load. In June, the peak demand of 73120kVa exceeded the previous December peak by 4640kVa. The June peak demand was exceeded in August when a peak of 76,160kVa was measured and then again on September 4, when 78,320kVa was experienced. 1973 was the warmest year since 1956 and 94 to 96 degree temperatures were common during June, July, August and early September.

The energy crisis late in 1973 made all of our customers very conscious of the way they use energy so their voluntary load reductions together with a very mild December combined to reduce the system peak demand to 57,360kVa at year end.

All projections for 1974 indicate that kwh sales will be approximately the same as in 1973, or no system growth during the year. If the energy supplies become more abundant during the year, we would then expect the normal 8% annual growth to continue.

The increasing cost of oil and other fuel used in generating electricity will of course reflect itself in the fuel charges on our customers bills. The price of electricity will rise steadily as a

result of increased fuel charges but certainly not as spectacularly as that of home heating oil and gasoline. The only factor that would cause a steadying of the fuel charges would be the increased loading of Boston Edison's Pilgrim Nuclear plant at Plymouth.

There is a good deal of misunderstanding by our customers with regard to the fuel adjustment charge on the bills. In all utility basic rate schedules, there is included a cost such as \$2.00 per barrel for oil. All fuel costs above this basic value of \$2.00 a barrel is recovered by the use of the fuel adjustment factor.

Our utility computer is now preparing weekly payroll in addition to billings and financial summaries. It is planned that material inventory summaries will be prepared on the computer before the end of 1974.

Operating highlights for 1973 are presented here followed by financial summaries and statements.

PEAK LOAD: 78,320 KVA - Increased 14.4%

The peak system demand was recorded on September 4, 1973 between 2 and 3 p.m. representing an increase of 9840 KVA over the maximum demand in 1972 which occurred in December.

PURCHASED POWER: 333,479,427 Kilowatt Hours - Increased 5.4%

This amounted to an increase of 17,101,566 kilowatt hours over that purchased in 1972. The average cost per kilowatt hour increased from 1.4988 to 2.0309 cents. The increased cost per kilowatt hour is a combination of the Boston Edison Company's wholesale rate increase and increased fuel costs.

KILOWATT HOURS SOLD: 317,565,579 Kilowatt Hours - Increased 5.1%

Energy sales increased 15,469,750 over 1972 due to both new customers and increasing use by existing customers.

OPERATING REVENUE: \$9,191,449.30 - Increased 23.8%

This large increase results less from increased sales than from the increased revenues necessary because of Boston Edison's wholesale rate increase on Jan. 1, 1973 and increased fuel adjustment charges.

TOTAL EXPENSE: \$8,764,914.47 - Increased 28.2%

This amounted to an increase of \$2,125,842.89 of which \$2,030,641.61 represented the increased cost of purchased power.

CUSTOMERS: 18,371 - Increased 2.6%

Service was extended to 461 new customers in 1973 as compared to 367 in 1972. 401 of these new customers were residential.

PAYMENT TO TOWN TREASURY: \$297,532.36 - Decreased 41.8%

The decreased payment to the Town resulted from lower net earnings in 1972.

TOTAL COST OF PLANT AND GENERAL EQUIPMENT: \$11,658,947.05

Gross additions to plant and general equipment amounted to \$1,100,964.69 in 1973. The bulk of this increase, \$573,226.05 expended in the expansion of the Kenneth E. Gaw Substation. The balance, except for \$31,998.35 expended for construction and transportation vehicles, was used to construct additions and extensions to the distribution system.

CONSTRUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

The following areas on the system were converted from the existing 5kV system to the department's new 15kV system: Burroughs Road and Lakeside Boulevard area of North Reading was converted by the use of three 167kVa self regulating step down transformers. The County Road area, Stone's Department Store, and the First National Store in Reading; the Salem Street area of Wilmington from Arlene Avenue to the Tewksbury line; and North Street, North Reading, from Main Street to Lowell Road were converted to the 15kV system and this was accomplished by re-insulating the aerial lines and changing the existing transformers. A total load of 1700kVa was transferred to the 15kV system.

7500 kVar of capacitors were installed this year - 300 kVar were installed on Central Street, North Reading and 7200 kVar were installed at the Kenneth E. Gaw Station on Causeway Road, Reading, to further improve system power factor, voltage regu-

lation, reduce system losses and increase station capacity.

Five electronic sectionalizers were installed in Reading - 4 on West Street and 1 on Ash Street for the protection of underground cables feeding the Ash Street Station.

The storage capacity at the service center on Ash Street, Reading, was increased by the installation of 116 feet of new shelving.

The steam and return lines for the service center heating system on Ash Street in Reading were replaced. The existing 120 foot long lines had been in operation since the 1930's.

A new 15kV, 10mVa feeder was completed and put into service. This feeder originates at the Kenneth E. Gaw Station and serves The Avco Corporation and The Wildwood Station in Wilmington.

Three automatic reclosing relays were installed at the Kenneth E. Gaw Station. These units will aid in the co-ordination of air circuit breakers with sectionalizers on the department's distribution feeders.

9000 circuit feet of 336.4mcm compressed all aluminum spacer type aerial cable was installed on Main Street in Reading and North Reading. This 15kV circuit was installed for the conversion of the North Reading Sanitarium Circuit from 5kV to 15kV.

2500 circuit feet 336.4mcm all aluminum open wire, 9500 circuit feet of 477mcm all aluminum spacer type aerial cable, 1400 circuit feet of 1000mcm aluminum 15kV underground cable, 255 circuit feet of 500mcm copper 15kV underground cable and 250 feet of 5" pvc duct encased in concrete was installed from the Kenneth E. Gaw Station to the Ash Street Station for feeder 1453. This feeder has a capacity of 10mVa at 15kV.

2500 circuit feet of 336.4mcm all aluminum spacer type aerial cable was installed on Park Street, Wilmington. The underground cable at this location had to be removed and an aerial line installed due to the blasting and road widening of Route I-93. The underground cable will be re-installed at a later date.

Extensive underground cable work was completed on the 15kV feeder cables from the Boston Edison Company, Dragon Court Station. These lines were cut at the Woburn/Reading Town Line and re-connected to the Kenneth E. Gaw Station. 600 feet of

5" pVc duct encased in concrete and 350 circuit feet of 500mm copper, 15kV cable was installed for this project.

Construction has started on the new North Wilmington Industrial Park in Wilmington. This area will have underground construction using a manhole/duct system. 1700 circuit feet of 6 duct bank with 5" pVc, 6-6' x 10' x 7' manholes and 1200 circuit feet of 750mm aluminum 15kV cable have been installed this year. This project is scheduled for completion early in 1974.

Three new sub-divisions were completed in Reading with overhead construction. Pemberly at Reading off Salem Street with 29 homes, Country Side Way off West Street with 8 homes, and Pasture Road off Franklin Street with 15 homes.

Two new sub-divisions were completed in North Reading with overhead construction. Wagon Hoe off North Street with 50 homes and Green Meadow Drive off Elm Street with 7 homes.

5 - 25-unit and 2 - 31-unit apartments were provided underground service at the Greenbriar Complex on Main Street, North Reading.

Six underground residential developments were completed in 1973 — three in Wilmington and three in Lynnfield. These developments required the following underground facilities to be installed: **Elmwood Village** with 60 homes off Salem Street, Wilmington, 2700 feet of 1/0 aluminum 15kV cable, 13 precast pull holes, 3400 circuit feet of 4/0 aluminum secondary cable and 8200 feet of 3" pVc duct.

Corum Meadows with 52 homes off Salem Street, Wilmington, with 3400 feet of 1/0 aluminum 15kV cable, 2 precast pull holes, 2500 circuit feet of 4/0 aluminum secondary cable, and 2400 feet of 3" pVc duct.

Pinecrest with 10 homes off Salem Street, Wilmington, with 920 feet of 1/0 aluminum 15kV cable and 700 circuit feet of 4/0 aluminum secondary cable.

Runnymede with 11 homes off Chestnut Street, Lynnfield, with 2000 feet of 1/0 aluminum 15kV cable and 1000 circuit feet of 4/0 aluminum secondary cable.

Morand Road with 7 homes off Melch Road, Lynnfield, with 1700 feet of 1/0 aluminum 15kV cable, 1 precast pullhole, 700

circuit feet of 4.0 aluminum secondary cable and 1700 feet of 3" pVc duct.

Pocahontas with 25 homes off Lowell Street, Lynnfield, with 7500 feet of 1.0 aluminum 15kV cable, 8 precast pullholes, 2000 circuit feet of 4.0 aluminum secondary cable and 8000 feet of 3" pVc duct.

The major vehicle replacements for this year included 3 two-door sedans, and one van.

The Kenneth E. Gaw Station on Causeway Road in Reading was the scene of a major addition this year. The firm capacity of this station was increased from 50mVa to 100mVa by placing the spare transformer in service and adding five 115kV oil circuit breakers and a 115kV ring bus. The spare transformer was connected to a new 15kV bus section which has two secondary breaker units with the flexibility to tie to bus sections "A" or "B", two 15kV capacitor breakers and two 15kV breaker positions. The new 115kV ring bus which is composed of 5 - 115kV oil circuit breakers, enable this station to operate with two 115kV lines as a closed bus. The transformers, 115kV bus sections and 115kV oil circuit breakers can be taken out of service for maintenance or other purposes without an interruption of service. This station also has the flexibility to operate on one 115kV line with three transformers connected.

We look forward in 1974 to a year in which new residential, commercial and industrial construction activity will lessen, but as a result we will have the opportunity to catch up on much needed system maintenance programs.

The Department will continue to plan for its second 115kV Substation to be constructed in the northern area of Reading. As delivery schedules for major electrical equipment are lengthening to well over one year in most cases, we must provide for that in our plans. The strategic location of this substation would reduce the lengths of some of our most heavily loaded circuits supplying power to the northern portion of our service area in Wilmington, North Reading and Lynnfield.

We will continue to contest the Boston Edison Company's wholesale rate increase presently being heard by the Federal Power Commission Administrative Law Judge in Washington, D.C.

I am very pleased at the cooperation you have extended me during the year and I appreciate the many unpaid and dedicated hours you have expended in order to make the Light Department

business operation as successful as it has been over the last seventy nine years. In this light, special credit should be given to Paul C. Nicholas who is retiring from the Board after nine years of service. I also want to mention to you the fine work done during this past year by the Department employees. They are all true professionals in their work and loyal to the Department through and through.

Gratitude is also expressed to the officials of Reading, Wilmington, North Reading and Lynnfield for their cooperative attitudes during the year. The service to our customers in all those communities could not be complete without that cooperation.

In accordance with Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, I submit herewith my estimate of Income and Expense of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1974.

ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 1974

INCOME:

From Consumers	\$11,394,835.00
From Tax Levy — For Street Lights	73,400.00
— For Municipal Buildings	120,000.00
From Merchandising and Jobbing	5,000.00
From Miscellaneous Income	20,000.00
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Total Income	\$11,613,235.00

EXPENSES:

Production	\$ 8,443,000.00
Transmission	5,000.00
Distribution	742,600.00
Street Lighting	30,000.00
Depreciation	466,400.00
General Miscellaneous	500,000.00
Interest on Bonds & Notes	33,000.00
Bonds & Notes Payable Redeemed	65,000.00
Taxes - Personal Property - Outside Towns	220,000.00
Uncollectable Operating Revenue	48,000.00
Interest On Consumer Deposits	5,000.00
Retirement Pensions & Benefits	220,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$10,778,000.00

Excess of Income over Expenses	\$ 835,235.00
K.W.H. Purchases	328,102,000
K.W.H. Sold	311,358,000
K.W.H. for Reading Street Lights	2,121,000
Expense per K.W.H. Sold	\$ 0.034616
Cost of Reading Street Lights	\$ 73,420.00
Appropriation for Street Lights	\$ 73,400.00

A summary of Revenue and Expenses, Total Cost of Plant together with the Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Account, the Financial Report of the Town of Reading Municipal Light Department's Employees Pension Trust Fund and the Auditor's Certificate are appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Norbert D. Rhinerson, General Manager

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The report of the General Manager as submitted by him with the certificates of the Auditor is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

Paul C. Nicholas, Chairman

John H. Crooker, Secretary

William H. Parker, III

TOTAL COST OF PLANT

as of December 31, 1973

Land	Kenneth E. Gaw Station	\$ 139,153.95
	226 Ash Street	1,092.23
	Garage & Stockroom	1,716.22
	25 Haven Street	6,609.46
	Main St., Wilmington	700.00
	Wildwood St., Wilmington	6,726.92
	Haverhill St., N. Reading	3,219.19
	Main St., Lynnfield Center	5,000.00
Structures	226 Ash Street	73,720.42
	25 Haven Street	80,456.63
	Garage & Stockroom	289,888.48
	Kenneth E. Gaw Station	633,160.58
Station Equipment	Reading—Kenneth E. Gaw Station	1,042,158.66
	Reading—Ash Street	569,332.92
	Lynnfield Center	164,846.24
	North Reading	170,982.00
	Wilmington—Main Street	118,225.95
	Wilmington—Wildwood Street	165,961.46
Poles, Fixtures & Overhead Conductors—Trans.		105,206.53
Underground Conductors—Trans.		1,557.80
Towers & Fixtures—Trans.		67,116.63
Poles, Fixtures & Overhead Conductors—Dist.		2,950,075.49
Underground Conduits—Dist.		754,423.61

Underground Conductors—Dist.	1,138,983.54
Line Transformers	1,170,117.30
Services	505,827.17
Meters	629,362.29
Street Light & Signal Systems	494,510.43
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Total Cost of Plant	\$11,290,132.10
General Equipment	533,032.92
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Total Cost of Plant & General Equipment	\$11,823,165.02

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.

Certified Public Accountants

One Boston Place

Boston, Massachusetts

The Municipal Light Board

Town of Reading, Massachusetts:

We have examined the balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading as of December 31, 1973 and the related statements of earnings and retained earnings and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading is currently involved in rate hearings before the Federal Power Commission as described in note 1 to the financial statements. The final outcome of these hearings is not presently determinable.

In our opinion, subject to the final outcome of the matter referred to in the preceding paragraph, and except for the method of providing depreciation expense as described in note 3 and the depreciation presentation of bond principal payments as an operation expense as described in note 4, such financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading at December 31, 1973 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

(signed) Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company

February 1, 1974

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 1973

- (1) The Reading Municipal Light Department and other interested parties have been involved in hearings before the Federal Power Commission in connection with rate increases initiated by the Boston Edison Company in 1970 and 1973. The Reading Municipal Light Department purchases all its electricity from the Boston Edison Company.

The Federal Power Commission allowed the new rates to go into effect subject to refund of any portion of the rate increases found unjustified or unreasonable.

Since the new rates are being collected by Boston Edison Company from Reading Municipal Light Department there will be no additional liability to Reading Municipal Light Department. The only issues involved are the amount of refunds, if any, that would be paid to the Reading Municipal Light Department and the level of rates for purchased electricity in the future.

- (2) In accordance with public utility practices, the Department records its revenues based on actual billings to its customers on a cycle basis. Accordingly, revenue for electric service rendered and not billed at the end of the accounting period are not recorded in the accounts. At December 31, 1973 estimated unbilled revenue amounted to approximately \$469,000. If the unbilled revenues were recorded net earnings for the year would be increased by \$469,000. Of this estimated amount, \$127,000 is related to the current year's operations and \$342,000 is the cumulative effect on prior years.
- (3) The General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts allow utility plant in service to be depreciated using a 3% rate. In order to change this rate, approval has to be received from the Department of Public Utilities. Rates utilized in depreciating utility plant in service are based on financial factors relating to cash flow for plant expansion rather than engineering factors relating to estimates of useful lives.

The Department depreciated its utility plant in service for the years 1973 and 1972 at the rate of 3% and 5% respectively. If the Department used a 5% rate to depreciate utility plant in service in 1973, the net earnings for 1973 would have been reduced by approximately \$208,000.

- (4) The Department includes as an operating expense the repayment of bond principal. This accounting treatment has the impact of reducing current year's earnings by \$65,000.
- (5) The Department has in effect a pension trust to provide for advance funding of its obligations under the State Retirement Plan for Municipal Employees. This arrangement provides for the funding of retirement benefits over the employees' working years. The Department's contributions to the pension trust in 1973 and 1972 were \$192,689 and \$157,259, respectively.
- (6) The balance in the operation fund at December 31, 1973 amounting to \$87,276 was transferred to the construction fund.

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

December 31, 1973

with comparative figures for 1972

Assets	1973	1972*	Increase (Decrease)
Utility plant:			
Utility plant in service, at cost	\$11,823,784	10,557,983	1,265,801
Less reserve for depreciation	5,840,758	5,528,627	312,131
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Net utility plant in service	5,983,026	5,029,356	953,670
Depreciation fund on deposit with Town Treasurer	409,278	1,096,959	(687,681)
Current assets:			
Funds on deposit with Town Treasurer:			
Construction (note 6)	87,276	178,721	(91,445)
Personal property tax	344,157	265,030	79,127
Employee benefits fund	14,150	—	14,150
Other funds:			
Consumers' deposits	122,546	109,847	12,699
Petty cash	1,000	500	500
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Total fund accounts	569,129	554,098	15,031
Accounts receivable	1,317,014	1,115,847	201,167
Materials and supplies	406,733	371,929	34,804
Prepaid expenses	25,589	20,889	4,700
Miscellaneous assets	2,887	1,295	1,592
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Total current assets	2,321,352	2,064,058	257,294
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	<u>\$ 8,713,656</u>	<u>8,190,373</u>	<u>523,283</u>

Liabilities and Retained Earnings

Retained earnings:

Appropriated, loans repayment	\$ 1,746,578	1,681,578	65,000
Earnings retained for use in light department operations	5,210,524	5,010,216	200,308
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Total retained earnings	6,957,102	6,691,794	265,308
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Long-term debt (note 7)	545,000	610,000	(65,000)
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Current liabilities:

Current portion of long-term debt	65,000	65,000	—
Accounts payable	972,781	687,362	285,419
Consumers' deposits	122,546	109,847	12,699
Interest accrued	4,705	5,225	(520)
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Total current liabilities	1,165,032	867,434	297,598
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Customer advances for construction	210	210	—
Contributions in aid of construction	46,312	20,935	25,377
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	46,522	21,145	25,377
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	<u>\$ 8,713,656</u>	<u>8,190,373</u>	<u>523,283</u>

* Restated to conform to 1973 presentation.

See accompanying notes to financial statements

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Statement of Earnings and Retained Earnings

Year ended December 31, 1973

with comparative figures for 1972

	1973	1972	Increase (Decrease)
Revenue (note 2):			
Residential service —			
Rate schedule A	\$3,753,020	3,073,309	679,711
Commercial service —			
Rate schedule B	293,175	246,730	46,445
Commercial and industrial			
service — Rate schedule C	4,519,911	3,577,886	942,025
Sales to private companies			
and municipal plants	19,264	15,040	4,224
Street lighting service	183,770	138,771	44,999
Municipal service —			
Rate schedule B	29,280	24,370	4,910
Municipal service —			
Rate schedule C	390,053	343,631	46,422
Flat rate sales	2,976	1,954	1,022
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Miscellaneous income	9,191,449	7,421,691	1,769,758
	73,537	51,265	22,272
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Total revenue	9,264,986	7,472,956	1,792,030
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Operating expenses:			
Operation (note 1)	7,947,322	5,775,789	2,171,533
Maintenance	240,439	312,093	(71,654)
Depreciation of			
electric plant (note 3)	268,153	460,989	(192,836)
Taxes — personal property	200,678	179,360	21,318
Bond payments (note 4)	65,000	65,000	—
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Total operating expenses	8,721,592	6,793,231	1,928,361
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Interest expense	43,322	45,841	(2,519)
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Total expenses	8,764,914	6,839,072	1,925,842
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Net earnings	500,072	633,884	(133,812)
Retained earnings at beginning of year	6,691,794	6,518,833	172,961
Add — appropriation loan repayment	65,000	65,000	—
	<u>7,256,866</u>	<u>7,217,717</u>	<u>39,149</u>
Less:			
Transfer to General Funds of the Town in accordance with vote of Town Meeting	297,532	510,985	(213,453)
Miscellaneous	2,232	14,938	(12,706)
	<u>299,764</u>	<u>525,923</u>	<u>(226,159)</u>
Retained earnings at end of year	<u>\$6,957,102</u>	<u>6,691,794</u>	<u>265,308</u>

See accompany notes to financial statements

At December 31, 1973, the Department had the following bonds outstanding:

Issue	Interest Rate	Payment Dates	Amount Out-standing
Number 17—Payment Terms:			
\$10,000 per year 1956-60			
\$ 5,000 per year 1961-75	2.6%	6/15-12/15	\$ 10,000
Number 18—Payment Terms:			
\$30,000 per year 1957-76	2.9	3/1-9/1	90,000
Number 19—Payment Terms:			
\$30,000 per year 1971-90	6.0	5/15-11/15	510,000
			<u>\$610,000</u>
Amount to be retired in 1974			65,000
Long-term debt, net of current portion			<u>\$545,000</u>

TOWN OF READING—MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Statement of Changes in Financial Position

Year ended December 31, 1973

with comparative figures for 1972

	1973	1972
Funds provided:		
Funds from operations:		
Earnings	\$ 500,072	633,884
Depreciation	312,131	498,269
Total funds from operations	<u>812,203</u>	<u>1,132,153</u>
Decrease in depreciation fund	687,681	—
Appropriation of retained earnings for loan repayment	65,000	65,000
Advances for construction	—	110
Contribution in aid of construction	25,377	—
Decrease in working capital	40,304	420,514
Total funds provided	<u>\$1,630,565</u>	<u>1,617,777</u>
Funds used:		
Additions to utility plant	1,265,801	495,402
Increase in depreciation fund	—	531,452
Transfer to General Funds of the Town in accordance with vote of Town Meeting	297,532	510,985
Retirement of long-term debt	65,000	65,000
Other, net	2,232	14,938
Total funds used	<u>\$1,630,656</u>	<u>1,617,777</u>
Decrease in working capital represented by:		
Net increase (decrease) in current assets:		
Funds on deposit	15,031	(354,400)
Accounts receivable	201,167	14,142
Materials and supplies	34,804	(5,983)
Prepaid expenses	4,700	(602)
Miscellaneous assets	1,592	355
	<u>257,294</u>	<u>(346,488)</u>

Net increase (decrease) in current liabilities:

Current portion of long-term debt	—	—
Accounts payable	285,419	61,173
Customers' deposits	12,699	13,373
Interest accrued	(520)	(520)
	<u>297,598</u>	<u>74,026</u>
Decrease in working capital	\$ <u>40,304</u>	<u>420,514</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.

Certified Public Accountants

One Boston Place

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Trustees of The Town of Reading—Municipal Light Department Employees' Retirement Trust:

We have examined the statement of assets available for pensions of The Town of Reading—Municipal Light Department Employees' Retirement Trust as of December 31, 1973 and the related statement of changes in assets for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We examined the investment securities owned and confirmed the cash in banks by certificates obtained from the depositories. Cash on deposit with the Town Treasurer was confirmed by the Town Accountant.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the assets available for pensions of The Town of Reading—Municipal Light Department Employees' Retirement Trust at December 31, 1973 and the changes in assets for the year then ended, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

(signed) Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

February 1, 1973

THE TOWN OF READING
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT TRUST

Statement of Assets Available for Pensions

December 31, 1973

with comparative figures for 1972

	1973	1972
Assets:		
Investments at amortized cost:		
Federal Land Bank bonds (quoted market \$148,400 — 1972 \$30,000)	\$150,757.95	\$ 30,000.00
Federal National Mortgage Association bonds (quoted market \$284,000 — 1972 \$239,000)	294,045.16	242,123.49
New England Telephone & Telegraph Company bonds (quoted market \$47,750—1972 \$49,700)	49,540.30	49,453.00
Savings certificates and savings account	214,475.24	317,471.75
Cash in deposit with Town Treasurer	48,272.26	100.00
Accrued interest receivable	13,572.05	16,989.73
Assets available for pensions	<u>\$770,662.96</u>	<u>\$656,137.97</u>

See accompanying note to financial statements

**THE TOWN OF READING
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT TRUST**

Statement of Changes in Assets

Year ended December 31, 1973

with comparative figures for 1972

	1973	1972
Contributions:		
The Town of Reading Municipal Light Department	\$192,689.33	\$157,258.59
Income from investments	42,496.28	32,217.71
	<hr/> 235,185.61	<hr/> 189,476.30
Less retirement benefits paid	120,660.62	100,968.60
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Net increase in fund for the year	114,524.99	88,507.70
Assets available for pensions:		
Balance at beginning of year	656,137.97	567,630.27
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Balance at end of year	\$770,662.96	656,137.97
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See accompanying note to financial statements

THE TOWN OF READING
MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT TRUST

Note to Financial Statements

December 31, 1973

The pension trust provides for advance funding of the Municipal Light Department's obligations under the state retirement plan for municipal employees. This arrangement provides for the funding of retirement benefits over the employees' working years.

ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

of

The Town of Reading, Massachusetts

for the year ending

DECEMBER 31, 1973

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Public Works submits its Annual Report for 1973.

On March 5, 1973 the Board reorganized with Lawrence R. Blood as Chairman and Nathan C. White as Secretary, with the Board Members appointed to the various committees as follows:

Malcolm E. Reed	School Building Committee
Malcolm E. Reed	School Site Committee
John H. Russell	Planning Board Master Study
Paul C. Dustin	Recreation Committee

Regular meetings were held on Monday evenings and additional evenings as required. There were a total of thirty-eight meetings for the year.

Acting as the Board of Survey, hearings were held to consider plans for several proposed developments, and a total of twenty public meetings were held.

In 1973 the Board accepted the Municipal Incinerator from the prime contractor. The State Department of Public Health also approved the air pollution control test and the incinerator which meets with the regulations that became effective January 1, 1974.

The program begun in 1972 to improve the quality and quantity of the Reading water supply has fallen behind schedule due to the delay encountered in delivery of the necessary equipment to complete the work. Completion of this project is now anticipated by mid 1974.

On May 28, 1973 the Department of Public Works Garage suffered a fire damage of substantial nature. Fortunately the insurance coverage was adequate to take care of approximately 80% of the cost. Contract was let to repair the garage and it is anticipated the work will be completed in early 1974.

In 1973 work began on the playground at Glen Meadow Park at the Barrows School. This is the first new park construction done by the Department in several years and will provide a basketball court, double tennis courts and a utility ball field when

completed. It is anticipated that the basketball court and tennis courts will be available for use in 1975 and the utility ball field the following year if present funding is maintained.

In 1973 the Board hired a consulting engineer to study the Willow Street Pumping Station Area Sewerage System to find a solution to the pumping inflow and infiltration problems causing overflow of sewer manholes in the spring and fall of the year. The preliminary report has been received and indicates a solution to this problem may be an interceptor running along the Aberjona River into Woburn to connect to the M.D.C. Trunk Sewer.

The sewer construction program is proceeding on schedule in accordance with the five-year program printed in the Annual Report. It now appears that this program will be completed about 1982.

The Board wishes to extend its thanks to the Town Boards, Committees, Department employees and the general public for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence R. Blood, Chairman

Nathan C. White, Secretary

Malcolm E. Reed

Paul C. Dustin

John H. Russell

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Board of Public Works

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118, of the Acts authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the fifty-third annual report of the Department of Public Works and a short resume of the work performed during the year 1973 with recommendations for the future.

GENERAL

Residential construction continued at a moderate pace. The Board continues to receive requests for various services. Programs have been established within the various divisions of the Department and steady progress is being made in many ways. Some work has been let out to contract, such as Street Resurfacing and Sewer Main Construction, but most of the work is being done by Department personnel.

Board of Survey

The members of the Board of Public Works are ex-officio members of the Board of Survey. Acting as the Board of Survey, several hearings were held for the consideration of individual street layouts and for developments including several streets. Conferences were held with developers, contractors, and affected property owners.

Estimates were prepared and performance bonds secured for proper construction. All construction work by developers is supervised closely by the Board of Public Works employees.

Environmental affects of subdivisions have become the greatest concern for the Board of Survey due to the change in State Law affecting wet lands and the fact that many of the areas of the Town that might be developed are in marginal locations. Therefore, a greater consideration must be given to the effect of the proposed developments on the wet lands, Town sewer system and the effect on the Reading water supply, road and drainage systems.

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division is operating reasonably well with a nucleus of good employees. However, it is difficult to obtain good assistant engineers and hold them. Therefore, the Department needs to be upgraded and reorganized and a proposal has been made and submitted to the Personnel Board for approval.

This Division is responsible for all the Department's engineering work except a few items that require consultant engineering services as well as assisting other Boards and Committees with engineering problems.

Water Division

Residential construction remained at a moderate level. A total of 3182 lineal feet of water main was installed. A total of 111 new water services were installed and 48 old services were replaced.

New water meters were installed in 119 locations; 159 meters were removed and repaired, or if required, junked and new meters set.

Pumping Stations and Filter Plant

Rainfall in 1973 was above normal, and the problems of water supply were not serious during the year.

A total of 1,066,899,000 gallons of water was delivered to the distribution system in 1973.

The highest single day's consumption was 4,816,400 gallons on June 11, 1973. The highest seven day's consumption for the period June 6, 1973 thru June 12, 1973 was 26,312,400 gallons.

Well Fields

The tubular wells were cleaned, inspected, and repaired in the early summer months. One (1) gravel wall well was cleaned and redeveloped.

Statistics for the year ended

December 31, 1973

Population—United States Census of 1970—22,534.

Date of construction of Pumping Stations—1931, 1942, 1948, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1965, 1966.

Sources of supply: Tubular (Driven) Wells and Gravel Walled Wells.

Cost of pumping per Million Gallons—Power only \$34.07.

Cost of Pumping per Million Gallons based on total Pumping Station Expenses \$172.76.

Cost of Water Supplied (per Million Gallons Pumped) based on cost Maintenance plus Interest on Bonds—\$208.88.

Highway Division

Street Betterments

Five streets were accepted as public ways and construction work was by Town forces. The streets were Breton Circle, Brewer Lane, Collins Avenue, Colonial Drive and Dana Road Extension.

Bituminous Concrete Pavement

Portions of the following streets were reconstructed and covered with Bituminous Concrete: High Street from Middlesex Avenue to Vine Street and Summer Avenue from Woodbine to Willow Street.

Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance

New sidewalks were constructed in various locations for individual residences and sidewalks were reconstructed on the following streets: Main Street, west side Ash Street, to the Boston and Maine Railroad, Woburn Street, north side from near Linden Street to Summer Avenue and Woburn Street south side in front of St. Agnes' Church and the Woburn Street School.

Storm Water Drains

This item continues to be a source of constant request for facilities. A program has been developed which includes those projects which it is felt will be of most value and benefit to the Town and the abutters. Under a steady annual appropriation many problem areas have been eliminated.

Maintenance of Storm Drains

All catch basins were cleaned with a mechanical cleaning machine. Culverts and ditches were cleaned as required to prevent flooding.

Snow and Ice

Several plowable snow storms occurred; also, several that required sanding only. Additional equipment was hired and extra personnel employed as required. Every reasonable effort was made to plow and remove snow and return the Town to normal conditions in each instance.

Park and Playground Division

Extensive maintenance was accomplished on all areas. Debris was removed, beds and walks edged, fertilizer applied, grass cut, loam and seed spread, play equipment repaired, bleacher repaired, fences repaired, brush cut and removed, ball fields maintained, tennis courts maintained plus many other related items of work.

Men and equipment were placed at the disposal of the Recreation Committee and work done which would allow their program to be carried out efficiently.

Sewer Division

Sewer Construction, generally speaking, followed the program as printed in the Annual Report. Some changes in programming were necessary.

Sewers were installed in several streets, with the work being done by contract.

Sewer house connections were installed in 75 houses by Town Forces. The Licensed Drain Layers installed 169 house connections.

Maintenance of main sanitary sewers was accomplished, using the new power operated cleaning machine.

The sewage pumping stations for Sturges Park, Charles Street and Batchelder Road operated efficiently with no major problems. The Willow Street Sewage Pumping Station is now twenty years old and two of the original pumps have become so inefficient it has been necessary to replace them with a new larger pump to double the pumping capacity of the Station. During 1973 the inefficient operation of this station and infiltration and inflow into the Willow Street pumping district resulted in a serious sewerage

overflow at Arcadia Avenue. The installation of the new pump alleviates this problem on a short term basis.

Sanitation Division

During 1973 this Division was developed into an effective solid waste disposal group. The Rubbish Collection system is working well, and collection of garbage is combined with the collection of rubbish. The Municipal Incinerator is now operating well. However, it is a high maintenance item as anticipated.

SEWERS BUILT IN 1973

Street	Location	A.C. 6"	A.C. 8"	A.C. 10"	Total
Bolton Street	Ash Street to Washington Street		1,018'		1,018'
Torre Street	Interceptor to Salem Street		1,205'		1,205'
Harvest Road	Torre Street to Track Road		165'		165'
Track Road	Harvest Road to Line Road		630'		630'
Bay State Road	Salem Street to End			935'	935'
Haverhill Street	Charles Street Southerly		2,309'		2,309'
Forest Street	Colburn Road to Van Norden Road		758'		758'
Forest Street	Colburn Road to Van Norden Road			175'	175'
Forest Street	Colburn Road to Van Norden Road		725'		725'
Interceptor	Birch Meadow Drive to Forest Street			1,160'	1,160'
Maria Lane	Forest Street to high point		510'		510'
Martin Road	Forest Street to high point		395'		395'
Van Norden Road	Franklin Street to high point		792'		792'
Susan Drive	Franklin Street to End		720'		720'
Larch Lane	Franklin Street to End		520'		520'
William Road	Franklin Street to End		585'		585'
Sandra Lane	William Road to Joseph Way		760'		760'
Joseph Way	Kieran Road to End		803'		803'
Kieran Road	William Road to End		1,052'		1,052'

	A.C. 6"	A.C. 8"	A.C. 10"	Total
Force Main		1,307'		1,307'
Spruce Road		487'		487'
Hemlock Road		790'		790'
Chequesette Road		1,100'		1,100'
Red Gate Lane (Ext.)		232'		232'
Countryside Lane		300'		300'
Parkview Road		75'		75'
Indian Tree Lane		342'		342'
	1,307'	16,273'	2,270'	19,850'
Grand Total 1973				

SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

1973 - 1978

Street	Section	Length
1973		
Marla	Forest to High Pt.	400
Martin	Forest to High Pt.	300
Larch	Franklin to High Pt.	540
Susan	All	720
Bolton	Main to Washington	900
Torre	Interceptor to Salem	1240
Harvest	Torre to Track Road	200
Track (West)	Harvest to Culvert	550
Salem	Torre to Line	200
		<hr/> 5050

1974		
Interceptor	Forest to Van Norden	1160
Van Norden	57 Van Norden to Swan	1800
Interceptor	Henzie to Forest	1400
Forest	Martin to Colburn	1200
Franklin	Haverhill to Pearl	1400
Pearl	Franklin to near Wilard	4400
Interceptor	Batchelder to Haverhill	470
Batchelder	All	1680
Granger	All	450
Briarwood	All	600
		<hr/> 14560

1975		
Interceptor	Forest to Colburn	840
Colburn	Forest to High Point	1400
Franklin	Pearl to William	5300
Main	Lafayette to Franklin	6800
Interceptor	Pearl to Main	250
		<hr/> 14590
Pumping Station and Force Main		

1976		
Main	Franklin to Short	4800
Mill	Main to Short	1000
Interceptor	Main to Pearl	800

Street	Section	Length
Pearl	Main to Franklin	2100
Grove	Franklin to Golf Club	1000
Interceptor	Grove to Meadow Brook	800
Meadow Brook	All	600
Interceptor	Trunk Sewer to H	750
H	All	250
Libby	H to E	730
G	All	300
A	All	750
B	Easterly Section	400
E	All	550

14830

2 Pumping Stations and Force Main

1977

Lucy Drive	All	520
Brentwood	All	300
Deborah	All	800
Interceptor	Deborah to Colburn	200
Colburn	Interceptor to High Pt.	1200
Interceptor	Apple Gate to Martin	400
Bartlett	All	200
Baldwin	All	300
Marla	Spruce to High Pt.	700
Arcadia	Shelby to Arnold	900
Arnold	All	850
Munroe	Arcadia to Arnold	400
Colonial	Dana to Brewer	500
Barbara	All	450
Belmont	Trunk Sewer to Pearl	800
Maple Ridge	Ash Hill to Pine Ridge	400
MacIntosh	All	160
Catherine	All	700
Cottage	All	550
Selfridge	Cottage to High Pt.	150
West	Selfridge to Townline	1150
Wakefield	Tamarack to Haverhill	350

11980

Pumping Station and Force Main

1978

Timberneck	Tamarack to Haverhill	550
Reading	All	350
Haverhill	Timberneck to Camp Curtis	3400
Interceptor	Haverhill to Libby	1550

Pitman	All	700
Lakeview	All	500
North	All	150
John St. Court	All	300
West	Vic. County to Border	1200
Border	All	1650
South	West to Gleason	2400
Whitehall	South to James	250

13000

Pumping Station and Force Main

COMBINED PUMPAGE 100 ACRES AND REVAY BROOK

1973

Month/Days		Total 100 Acres	Total Revay	Combined Pumpage	Average Daily
Jan.	31	54,742,800	30,654,000	85,396,800	2,754,735
Feb.	28	39,033,100	27,479,000	66,512,100	2,375,432
Mar.	31	53,576,400	33,739,000	87,315,400	2,816,626
April	30	50,501,100	34,345,000	84,846,100	2,828,203
May	31	53,206,100	34,481,000	87,687,100	2,822,616
June	30	62,251,600	35,649,000	97,900,600	3,263,353
July	31	62,032,800	29,150,000	91,182,800	2,943,806
Aug.	31	62,189,100	37,512,000	99,701,100	3,216,164
Sept.	30	55,486,100	37,951,000	93,437,100	3,114,757
Oct.	31	56,064,300	41,394,000	97,458,300	3,240,834
Nov.	30	53,030,900	38,214,000	91,244,900	3,041,497
Dec.	31	49,119,700	35,097,000	84,216,700	2,716,670
Total		651,234,000	415,665,000	1,066,899,000	2,923,010

COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE OF WATER

FOR PAST TEN YEARS

Year	Total Pumpage Gallons	Increase or Decrease	Average Daily Pumpage	Increase or Decrease
1964	757,777,600	85,568,400 (I)	2,070,400	228,800 (I)
1965	745,331,500	12,446,100 (D)	2,042,004	28,396 (D)
1966	733,628,400	11,703,100 (D)	2,009,777	32,227 (D)
1967	764,457,200	30,828,800 (I)	2,094,433	83,656 (I)
1968	797,475,300	33,018,100 (I)	2,178,894	84,461 (I)
1969	811,034,800	13,559,500 (I)	2,222,010	43,116 (I)
1970	855,954,300	44,919,500 (I)	2,343,080	121,070 (I)
1971	983,126,900	127,172,000 (I)	2,698,430	355,350 (I)
1972	991,758,900	8,632,600 (I)	2,717,147	18,717 (I)
1973	1,066,899,000	75,140,100 (I)	2,923,010	205,863 (I)

TABLE SHOWING DAILY AMOUNTS OF RAIN

100 ACRES

1973

Days	Jan.	Feb.	March	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1				3.00								
2		1.35		.45				.75	.09	.16	.25	
3	.21				.05			.34				
4				.74	T				.15	.15		
5			.32				.35					
6			.16				.39					.77
7									.45			
8		.11						.37				
9				.84	.85	.15						.09
10					.26		.25	.06				1.00
11					.15		.14	.53				
12		.02				.28		.09				
13						.67						
14									.17	.05		
15		.42	.09			.12	.13	.96				.39
16		.08	.53			.05						.69
17			.50									
18					.39							
19	.41											
20	.03				1.02		1.00		1.13	.10	.05	.70
21					.03		.13			.03	.35	.08
22	.75	.02				.94			.11		.04	.63
23				.27					T		.03	
24				.03							.14	
25			.34									
26		.11	.18	1.22		.11		.08			.35	.94
27				.46		.40	.48				.65	.16
28	1.06			.03	.41	.03					.24	
29	.04					1.73	.86			2.45		.13
30			.09			.68		.93		.33		
31										.07	.15	
Total	2.50	2.11	2.37	7.04	3.16	5.16	3.73	4.11	2.10	3.49	2.16	7.73
Ac. T.		4.61	6.98	14.02	17.18	22.34	26.07	30.18	32.28	35.77	37.93	45.61
Norm. Total	3.33	3.23	3.69	3.72	3.15	3.34	3.20	3.26	3.54	3.13	3.84	3.65
												41.05

GENERAL RESUME AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During 1973 the Sewer Main Construction Program continued in accordance with the planned program with the Town Engineering Division handling the design and supervision of construction.

The Sewer House Connection Program continued with the use of Town personnel and the policy of Licensed Drain Layers has aided in making more house connections.

The extension of the sewer system is progressing well and in 1973 approximately 3.87 miles of sewer were installed. Of these 3.22 miles were installed by a Town Contractor and 0.54 miles were installed in subdivisions at the expense of the developers.

During 1973 the Board hired a consulting engineer to study the inflow and infiltration problems of the existing sewage system. The first phase of this study is well underway and is concentrated on the Willow Street Pumping Station District. The preliminary report indicates that it may be necessary for the Town to construct a new interceptor sewer from the Willow Street Pumping Station along the Aberjona River to the M.D.C. Trunk Sewer located in Woburn. This study should be continued throughout the whole Town.

Plans for increasing and improving the quality of the Town water supply at the One Hundred Acre area have fallen behind schedule due to the delay in obtaining the necessary equipment. However, it appears that most of this work will be completed by mid summer.

The need for a master drain plan is urgently required to properly plan for more necessary improvements in the storm water drainage system within the Town.

A plan has been developed for modification and addition of the Public Works Garage and it is hoped that this program can be implemented by 1974.

A review of the Department organization has indicated a need to strengthen management level of the Department. A plan for this reorganization has been submitted to the Personnel Board for approval and upgrading of several positions.

Respectfully submitted,
Superintendent

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

18 Month Period

January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

VALUATION

Land	\$ 43,423,145.00
Buildings	131,606,625.00
Personal Property	3,430,950.00
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	178,460,720.00
Plus one-half	89,230,360.00
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Total for 18 months	\$267,691,080.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

Appropriated for Town Purposes	\$ 18,819,933.42
To be paid for State and County Taxes	1,067,672.38
Overlay	309,421.54
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Total	\$ 20,197,027.34

INCOME

Estimated Receipts	\$5,098,229.25
Excise Tax	845,472.00
Over Estimate in 1972 Cherry Sheet	42,920.69
Available Funds	558,184.49
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 6,544,806.43

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$ 13,652,220.91
Amount to be raised for 12 Months — \$	9,101,480.61
Valuation	<hr/>
	178,460,720.00
	= \$51.00 per
	thousand
	valuation

Actual Committments for 1973

Real Estate Tax	\$ 8,926,501.97
Personal Property Tax	174,978.64
Farm Animal Excise	33.00
Sewer Frontage	46,998.95
House Connections	41,638.16

Sidewalk & Curbing	3,432.81
Highway	10,597.35
Water Mains	561.52
Water Charges	58,274.63
Excise Tax	754,223.33
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	\$ 10,017,240.36

Following is the list of 1973 Real Estate Tax Abatements granted by the Board of Assessors, in compliance with Article XIII, Section 5 of the By-Laws of the Town of Reading.

Blacker, Robert J. & Shirley A.—12 Edwin St., Reading, Mass. 12 Edwin Street	\$ 76.50
Cail, Phillip N. & Mary R.—76 Deering St., Reading, Mass. 76 Deering Street	10.20
Dolben, William H. Jr. & Janet B.—32 Colepland Ave., Reading, Mass. 32 Colepland Avenue	127.50
Ercolini, Antonio E. & Lorraine—62 Sturges Rd., Reading, Mass. 62 Sturges Road	30.60
Gilbert, Edwin F. & Jeannette E.—42 Washington St., Reading, Mass. 42 Washington Street	153.00
Hewitt, Frank Kenneth & Linda A.—337 Haverhill St., Reading, Mass. 337 Haverhill Street	10.20
Hodson, Clara M.—21 Mt. Vernon St., Reading, Mass. 21 Mt. Vernon Street	25.50
Hubbard, Marilyn F.—189 Green St., Reading, Mass. 189 Green Street	26.78
Krekorian, Kay K. & Dorothy—45 Blueberry Lane, Reading, Mass. 45 Blueberry Lane	38.25
MacDonald, W. Bruce & Janice R.—67 Prospect St., Reading, Mass. 67 Prospect Street	170.85
MacKeil, Robert R. & Donna M.—73 Mt. Vernon St., Reading, Mass. 73 Mt. Vernon Street	86.70
McDermott, Martin J. & Mary A.—42 Tamarack Rd., Reading, Mass. 42 Tamarack Road	153.00

Morel, Robert G. & Grace M.—Ocean Front St., Humarock, Mass. 178 Lowell Street	\$393.97
Nicholls, John E. Jr. & Mark K.—583 Summer Ave., Reading, Mass. North Street, Assessors' Plat 13—Lot 79	22.95
Nicholls, John E. Jr. & Mary C.—583 Summer Ave., Reading, Mass. Off Summer Avenue, Assessors' Plat 13—Lot 80	20.40
Nicholls, John E. Jr. & Mary C.—583 Summer Ave., Reading, Mass. 583 Summer Avenue	30.60
Prousalis, Arthur A. & Susan L.—66 Hancock St., Reading, Mass. 66 Hancock Street	1.28
Saunders, Dorothea—Trustee—46 Sturges Road, Reading, Mass. 46 Sturges Road	20.40
Scanlon, John J. & Margaret E.—357 Lowell Street, Reading, Mass. 357 Lowell Street	51.00
Willis, John F. & Jeanne M.—22 Berkeley St., Reading, Mass. 22 Berkeley Street	127.50
Withrow, Robert W. & Patricia M.—673 Haverhill St., Reading, Mass. 673 Haverhill Street	102.00
Wright, Henry F. Jr. & Ann W.—30 Laurel Lane, Reading, Mass. 30 Laurel Lane	38.25

The Board of Assessors reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs. Ruth E. Barrett as Senior Clerk, effective August 31, 1973.

Mrs. Barrett had been a part of the office force for sixteen years and her experience and capabilities will surely be missed.

All the members of the Assessing Department extend to Mrs. Barrett their best wishes for a future filled with happiness.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Locke
Michael T. Sullivan
Robert I. Nordstrand
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

REPORT OF THE TREASURER
for the Year Ended December 31, 1973

General Cash Account

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 1,975,963.96
Receipts	46,630,537.55
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Total	\$48,606,501.51
Disbursements	\$47,642,080.28
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Balance December 31, 1973	964,421.23

Revenue Sharing Funds

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 295,366.00
Receipts:	
Federal Grants	271,453.00
Investment Income	10,026.34
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Total	576,845.34
Disbursements:	395,281.59
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 181,563.75

Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1973	\$14,385,000.00
Bonds Issued in 1973	.00
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Total	14,385,000.00
Bond Payments in 1973	1,065,000.00
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Outstanding December 31, 1973	\$13,320,000.00

Loans in Anticipation of Revenue

Outstanding January 1, 1973	.00
Notes Issued in 1973	4,300,000.00
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Total	4,300,000.00
Notes Paid in 1973	4,300,000.00
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Outstanding December 31, 1973	.00

Anticipation of Highway Reimbursement

Outstanding January 1, 1973	\$ 35,200.00
Notes issued in 1973	.00
Total	35,200.00
Notes paid in 1973	35,200.00
Outstanding December 31, 1973	.00

Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 431,997.32
Receipts:	
Income from Investments	23,531.03
Income from Savings Bank Interest	3,977.84
Total	459,506.19
Disbursements:	
Payment of Hospital Bills	\$2,307.56
Accrued Interest	1,228.77
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 455,969.86

Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 187,465.12
Receipts:	
Income from Investments	9,875.01
Income from Savings Bank Interest	3,179.22
Total	200,519.35
Disbursements:	
Accrued Interest	1,399.03
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 199,120.32

Stephen Foster Hospital Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 7,721.50
Income from Savings Bank Interest	411.63
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 8,133.13

Forest Glen Cemetery Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 176,001.14
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Receipts:	
Bequests	11,250.00
Income from Investments	8,461.20
Income from Savings Bank Interest	2,914.46
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Total	198,626.80
Disbursements:	
Accrued Interest	253.33
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 198,373.47

Laurel Hill Cemetery Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 155,844.35
Receipts:	
Bequests	4,150.00
Income from Investments	6,913.82
Income from Savings Bank Interest	1,963.06
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Total	168,871.23
Disbursements:	
Accrued Interest	253.33
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 168,617.90

Public Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 1,104.54
Receipts:	
Income from Investments	63.76
Income from Savings Bank Interest	6.93
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 1,175.23

Horace G. Wadlin Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 1,916.20
Receipts:	
Income from Investments	63.76
Income from Savings Bank Interest	51.30
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 2,031.26

Edward L. Appleton Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 5,005.03
Receipts:	
Income from Investments	318.72

Income from Savings Bank Interest	6.40
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 5,330.15

Appleton-Mansfield Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 14,714.95
Receipts:	
Income from Savings Bank Interest	806.18
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 15,521.13

Stephen Foster Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 12,773.96
Receipts:	
Income from Investments	675.00
Income from Savings Bank Interest	110.95
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 13,559.91

Katherine C. Pierce Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 574.31
Receipts:	
Income from Savings Bank Interest	30.93
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 605.24

Charles Torrey Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 1,123.23
Receipts:	
Income from Investments	32.50
Income from Savings Bank Interest	6.90
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 1,162.63

Donald N. Tuttle, Jr. Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$ 625.23
Receipts:	
Income from Savings Bank Interest	33.68
Balance December 31, 1973	\$ 658.91

A. R. & G. B. Shepardson Library Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	1,154.05
Receipts:		
Income from Savings Bank Interest		63.06
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$	1,217.11

Carl B. Sawyer Scholarship Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	5,239.94
Receipts:		
Income from Investments		206.26
Income from Savings Bank Interest		14.87
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Total		5,461.07
Disbursements:		
Scholarship Award	\$200.00	
Accrued Interest	17.00	217.00
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$	5,244.07

Frank J. Torre Scholarship Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	4,661.16
Receipts:		
Income from Savings Bank Interest		251.88
		<hr/>
		4,913.04
Disbursements:		
Scholarship Award		250.00
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$	4,663.04

Kenneth L. Brown Award Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	1,039.60
Receipts:		
Income from Savings Bank Interest		55.25
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		1,094.85
Disbursements:		
Scholarship Award		25.00
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$	1,069.85

Gilman L. Parker Scholarship Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	5,182.96
Receipts:		
Income from Investments		318.76
Income from Savings Bank Interest		13.66
		<hr/>
		5,515.38
Disbursements:		
Scholarship Award		200.00
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$	5,315.38

Winthrop D. Parker Loan Fund

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	3,343.36
Receipts:		
Income from Savings Bank Interest		180.17
		<hr/>
Balance December 31, 1973	\$	3,523.53

Stabilization Funds

Balance January 1, 1973	\$	244.94
Receipts:		
Income from Savings Bank Interest		13.26
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Balance December 31, 1973	\$	258.20

James N. Boyd, Jr.

Treasurer

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1973

1973 Real Estate

Committed August 1973	\$8,926,501.97	
Refunds	36,174.92	
Abatements		\$ 175,661.03
Paid to Treasurer		\$8,447,566.81
Uncollected December 31, 1973		339,449.05
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	\$8,962,676.89	\$8,962,676.89

1972 Real Estate

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 133,335.18	
Refunds	1,050.00	
Abatements		\$ 175.00
Paid to Treasurer		49,096.79
Uncollected March 6, 1973		85,113.39
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 134,385.18	\$ 134,385.18

1972 Real Estate

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 85,113.39	
Refunds	363.48	
Abatements		\$ 1,184.70
Paid to Treasurer		42,903.31
Balance December 31, 1973		41,388.86
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$ 85,476.87	\$ 85,476.87

1971 Real Estate

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 72,616.51	
Refunds	103.90	
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 3,951.76
Balance March 6, 1973		68,768.65
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	\$ 72,720.41	\$ 72,720.41

1971 Real Estate

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 68,768.65	
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 49,540.45
Balance December 31, 1973		19,228.20
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	\$ 68,768.65	\$ 68,768.65

1970 Real Estate

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 26,560.23	
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 208.63
Balance March 6, 1973		26,351.60
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	\$ 26,560.23	\$ 26,560.23

1970 Real Estate

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 26,351.60	
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 12,657.70
Balance December 31, 1973		\$ 13,693.90
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	\$ 26,351.60	\$ 26,351.60

1969 Real Estate

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 10,346.04	
Refunds	2.55	(Tax Title to Treas.)
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 465.75
Balance March 6, 1973		9,882.84
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	\$ 10,348.59	\$ 10,348.59

1969 Real Estate

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 9,882.84	
Balance December 31, 1973		\$ 9,882.84
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	\$ 9,882.84	\$ 9,882.84

1968 Real Estate

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 4,555.45	
Refund	2.42	(Tax Title to Treas.)
Balance March 6, 1973		\$ 4,557.87
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	\$ 4,557.87	\$ 4,557.87

1968 Real Estate

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 4,557.87
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1967 Real Estate

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 2,494.06
Re-Committed April 9, 1973	2,494.06

1966 Real Estate

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	684.77
Re-Committed April 9, 1973		684.77

1965 Real Estate

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	194.02
Re-Committed April 9, 1973		194.02

1973 Motor Vehicle Excise

Committed 1973	\$	754,223.33	
Refunds		7,253.77	
Abatements			\$ 134,011.49
Paid to Treasurer			538,567.40
Uncollected December 31, 1973			88,898.21
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$	761,477.10	\$ 761,477.10

1972 Motor Vehicle Excise

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	72,664.14	
Committed		149,875.95	
Refunds		1,152.76	
Abatements			\$ 25,841.97
Paid to Treasurer			83,621.12
Uncollected March 6, 1973			114,229.76
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	\$	223,692.85	\$ 223,692.85

1972 Motor Vehicle Excise

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$	114,229.76	
Committed		100,013.72	
Refunds		5,248.06	
Abatements			\$ 38,465.01
Paid to Treasurer			155,251.00
Uncollected December 31, 1973			25,775.53
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	\$	219,491.54	\$ 219,491.54

1971 Motor Vehicle Excise

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	14,425.45	
Refunds		26.20	
Abatements			\$ 25.30
Paid to Treasurer			237.88
Uncollected March 6, 1973			14,188.47
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$	14,451.65	\$ 14,451.65

1971 Motor Vehicle Excise

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 14,188.47	
Refunds	124.03	
Abatements		\$ 130.91
Paid to Treasurer		693.00
Uncollected December 31, 1973		13,488.59
	<hr/> \$ 14,312.50	<hr/> \$ 14,312.50

1970 Motor Vehicle Excise

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 85.80	
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 23.10
Uncollected March 6, 1973		62.70
	<hr/> \$ 85.80	<hr/> \$ 85.80

1970 Motor Vehicle Excise

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 62.70	
Uncollected December 31, 1973		\$ 62.70
	<hr/> \$ 62.70	<hr/> \$ 62.70

Water Use

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 86,794.52	
Committed 1973	382,508.23	
Refunds	578.10	
Abatements		\$ 1,185.71
Paid to Treasurer		340,104.69
Uncollected March 6, 1973		128,590.45
	<hr/> \$ 469,880.85	<hr/> \$ 469,880.85

Water Use

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 28,357.83	
Committed 1973	44,293.03	
Refunds	42.98	
Abatements		\$ 35.40
Paid to Treasurer		54,998.23
Uncollected December 31, 1973		17,660.21
	<hr/> \$ 72,693.84	<hr/> \$ 72,693.84

1973 Personal Property

Committed 1973	\$ 174,978.64	
Refunds	232.56	
Abatements		\$ 654.59
Paid to Treasurer		171,286.96
Uncollected December 31, 1973		3,269.65
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	\$ 175,211.20	\$ 175,211.20

1972 Personal Property

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 2,785.20	
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 336.60
Uncollected March 6, 1973		2,448.60
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	\$ 2,785.20	\$ 2,785.20

1972 Personal Property

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 2,448.60	
Refunds	466.40	
Abatements		\$ 453.20
Paid to Treasurer		1,090.08
Uncollected December 31, 1973		1,371.72
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	\$ 2,915.00	\$ 2,915.00

1971 Personal Property

Balance December 31, 1972	\$ 781.38	
Paid to Treasurer		\$ 94.00
Uncollected March 6, 1973		687.38
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	\$ 781.38	\$ 781.38

1971 Personal Property

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$ 687.38	
Refunds	484.10	
Abatements		\$ 484.10
Paid to Treasurer		9.40
Uncollected December 31, 1973		677.98
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	\$ 1,171.48	\$ 1,171.48

1970 Personal Property

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	926.70		
Paid to Treasurer			\$	11.00
Uncollected March 6, 1973				915.70
	\$	926.70	\$	926.70

1970 Personal Property

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$	915.70		
Uncollected December 31, 1973			\$	915.70
	\$	915.70	\$	915.70

1969 Personal Property

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	436.90		
Uncollected March 6, 1973			\$	436.90
Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$	436.90		
Uncollected December 31, 1973			\$	436.90

1973 Farm Animal Excise

Committed 1973	\$	33.00		
Paid to Treasurer			\$	33.00
Balance December 31, 1973				

1972 Farm Animal Excise

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	18.68		
Re-Committed April 9, 1973			18.68	
Paid to Treasurer			\$	18.68
Balance December 31, 1973				00

Sewer Rentals

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	14,693.67		
Committed		27,705.25		
Refunds		69.57		
Abatements			\$	114.60
Paid to Treasurer				22,924.74
Uncollected March 6, 1973				19,429.15
	\$	42,468.49	\$	42,468.49

Sewer Rentals

Re-Committed April 9, 1973	\$	19,429.15	
Committed		54,522.64	
Refunds		1,673.43	
Abatements			\$ 1,572.67
Paid to Treasurer			68,030.44
Uncollected December 31, 1973			6,022.11
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$	75,625.22	\$ 75,625.22

Water Miscellaneous

Committed 1973	\$	477.54	
Paid to Treasurer			\$ 295.48
Uncollected December 31, 1973			\$ 182.06

Advance Payments — Betterments

Committed	\$	27,017.41	
Paid to Treasurer			\$ 27,017.41

Unapportioned Betterments

Uncollected December 31, 1972	\$	221,267.98	
Committed		108,467.35	
Abatements			\$ 511.63
Paid to Treasurer			55,770.30
Uncollected December 31, 1973			273,453.40
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	\$	329,735.33	\$ 329,735.33

Miscellaneous

Fees	\$	6,561.00	
Interest		13,300.04	
Municipal Lien Certificates		3,308.00	
Refunds			\$ 14.10
Paid to Treasurer			23,154.94
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$	23,169.04	\$ 23,169.04

Departmental Accounts

Welfare — Public Works — Veterans — Moth — Forestry

Balance December 31, 1972	\$	7,389.08
Committed		43,718.68

Paid to Treasurer		\$ 44,855.19
Uncollected		6,252.57
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	\$ 51,107.76	\$ 51,107.76

This year's report in several instances indicates amounts re-committed as of April 9, 1973. This was done due to a State requirement that all outstanding amounts be re-committed to the Collector when there is a change in office.

C. Dewey Smith
Collector of Taxes

ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

for the year ending

DECEMBER 31, 1973

Receipts and Expenditures

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In accordance with Section 1 of Article XIII of the Town By-Laws, submitted herewith is the annual report of the doings of the Accounting Department for the calendar year of January 1-December 31, 1973.

All invoices and payrolls submitted for payment during the above period were processed on 82 Treasury Warrants, which amounted to \$47,642,080.28, for which the Treasury Department issued 51,462 checks.

The Town Treasurer's cash has been audited and found to be in order. The total receipts reported by the Town Treasurer during the above period were \$46,630,537.55. The cash balance on hand December 31, 1973, was \$964,421.23, plus invested cash of \$1,923,402.86, for a total of \$2,887,824.09.

Monthly notices of appropriation condition were forwarded to all Town Officers, Committees and Boards charged with the expenditure of Town Funds.

As required by law under Section 54A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, notice will be given to the Board of Assessors of the total receipts for the calendar year of 1973, excluding taxes, loans, trust funds, federal and state grants and revolving funds and the source of such receipts will be specified.

As required by law, under Section 61, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, all financial reports will be filed with the Board of Selectmen for publication upon the completion of the financial year.

Appended to this report is the Balance Sheet for the period of January 1-December 31, 1973, showing the financial condition of the town.

Federal Revenue Sharing PL 92-512

All invoices and payrolls submitted for payment for the calendar year of 1973 were processed on 36 Treasury Warrants which amounted to \$1,651,219.59 for which the Treasury Department issued 132 checks.

The Town Treasurer's cash has been audited and found to be in order. The total receipts reported by the Town Treasurer during the calendar year of 1973 were \$1,532,055.34. The cash bal-

ance on hand December 31, 1973, was \$31,563.75 plus invested cash of \$150,000.00 for a total of \$181,563.75.

As of December 31, 1973, \$37,693.91 represents unexpended authorized appropriation balances and the remaining \$143,869.84 is available for town meeting use.

Richard E. Gould
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1973

ASSETS

Cash:			
General	964,421.23		
Cash Investments	1,923,402.86		
Municipal Light Consumers Deposits	118,131.00	3,005,955.09	
Town Treasurer Cash Discrepancy			1,967.25
Petty Cash Advances:			
Town Collector	100.00		
Library	15.00		
Municipal Light	500.00		
Police	20.00		
Schools	384.00		
Selectmen	50.00		
PW Water	100.00		
Council for Aging	50.00		1,219.00
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1973			
Real Estate	339,745.34		
Personal Property	3,306.25	343,051.59	
Levy of 1972			
Real Estate	40,752.50		
Personal Property	1,371.72	42,124.22	
Levy of 1971			
Real Estate	19,228.20		

Personal Property	677.98	19,906.18	
Levy of 1970			
Real Estate	13,693.90		
Personal Property	915.70	14,609.60	
Levy of 1969			
Real Estate	9,882.84		
Personal Property	436.90	10,319.74	
Levy of 1968 Real Estate		4,557.87	
Levy of 1967 Real Estate		2,494.06	
Levy of 1966 Real Estate		684.77	
Levy of 1965 Real Estate		194.02	437,942.05

Farm Animal Excise:

Levy of 1973	33.00	
Levy of 1972	18.68	51.68

Motor Vehicle Excise:

Levy of 1973	88,887.21	
Levy of 1972	25,497.33	
Levy of 1971	13,442.39	
Levy of 1970	62.70	127,889.63

Special Assessments:

Sewer:

Unapportioned	43,559.76	
Added to Taxes 1973	2,454.35	
Added to Taxes 1972	792.61	
Added to Taxes 1971	536.84	
Added to Taxes 1970	351.60	
Added to Taxes 1969	112.65	
Added to Taxes 1968	53.46	47,861.27

Sewer House Connections:

Unapportioned	55,985.93	
Added to Taxes 1973	602.03	
Added to Taxes 1972	235.95	
Added to Taxes 1971	119.35	
Added to Taxes 1970	28.76	
Added to Taxes 1969	28.76	57,000.78

Sidewalk:

Unapportioned	4,059.05	
Added to Taxes 1973	(22.83)	
Added to Taxes 1972	10.63	
Added to Taxes 1971	—	
Added to Taxes 1970	83.98	
Added to Taxes 1969	83.96	

Added to Taxes 1968	83.96		
Added to Taxes 1967	83.96		
Added to Taxes 1966	83.96		
Added to Taxes 1965	83.96	4,550.63	
Street:			
Unapportioned	3,638.91		
Added to Taxes 1973	352.68		
Added to Taxes 1972	238.69		
Added to Taxes 1971	101.82		
Added to Taxes 1970	113.91		
Added to Taxes 1969	73.68		
Added to Taxes 1968	58.41		
Added to Taxes 1967	35.19	4,613.29	
Water:			
Added to Taxes 1973	56.85		
Added to Taxes 1972	35.00		
Added to Taxes 1971	35.00		
Added to Taxes 1970	35.00		
Added to Taxes 1969	35.00		
Added to Taxes 1968	35.00		
Added to Taxes 1967	35.00	266.85	
Committed Interest:			
Added to Taxes 1973	1,002.37		
Added to Taxes 1972	425.39		
Added to Taxes 1971	266.08		
Added to Taxes 1970	171.55		
Added to Taxes 1969	98.05		
Added to Taxes 1968	77.48		
Added to Taxes 1967	50.40		
Added to Taxes 1966	16.79		
Added to Taxes 1965	20.15	2,128.26	
Sewer Rentals		(2,554.07)	113,867.01
Tax Titles and Possessions:			
Tax Titles		2,933.83	
Possessions		4,549.80	7,483.63
Departmental:			
Public Works		30.14	
Veterans' Benefits		16,116.20	
Forestry		658.93	16,805.27
Water:			
Rates etc.		74,246.94	

Liens:

Added to Taxes 1973	15,700.07		
Added to Taxes 1972	2,704.50		
Added to Taxes 1971	1,250.21		
Added to Taxes 1970	540.50		
Added to Taxes 1969	584.00		
Added to Taxes 1968	167.85		
Added to Taxes 1967	250.81		
Added to Taxes 1966	27.60	21,225.54	95,472.48

Municipal Light:

Rates etc.	689,292.06
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Revenue Account 1973	4,550,740.30
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Estimated Receipts	1,665,012.23
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Total	10,713,697.68
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LIABILITIES

Guarantee Deposits:

Water Mains Extensions	1,200.00
Audubon Road	24,370.41
Municipal Light Consumers Deposits	118,131.00
Sewer Main Extension	2,000.00

Agency:

Dog Licenses Due County	290.00	
Sporting Licenses Due State	160.75	
Payroll Deductions:		
Blue Cross	12,337.98	
Life Insurance	1,856.32	
Teachers Retirement	15,949.44	
Teachers Annuities	7,058.96	
Union Dues	9,633.19	
U. S. Savings Bonds	657.50	47,944.14

County Dog Licenses Account 1973	3,257.53
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Tailings Unclaimed Checks	1,119.17
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Sale of Real Estate		38,675.00	
Recoveries Veterans' Benefits		1,450.00	
Public Library Book Fund		220.14	
Clearing Accounts:			
Municipal Light Retirement Fund		48,272.26	
Contributory Retirement		356.56	
Salvage Committee Fund		6,672.03	
Federal Grants:			
PL 874 Aid to Schools	28,573.67		
PL 864 N D E A	2,520.50		
PL 91-230 Title I Summer Projects	2,101.06		
PL 91-230 Title II Special Projects	726.06		
PL 91-230 Title II Library	525.50	34,446.79	
State Grants:			
Aid to Schools Metco	15,410.01		
Community Programs for the Aging	533.22	15,943.23	
Revolving Funds:			
School Lunch	58,834.07		
School Athletics	23,614.91		
Community Center Building	13,261.72		
Police Officers—Off Duty Work	739.50		
Replacement—Chapter 44, Sec. 53, Cl3	5,238.48		
Replacement—Chapter 44, Sec. 53, Cl2:			
School	2,230.45		
Public Works	6,108.97		
Fire	195.45	8,624.87	110,313.55
Cemeteries:			
Sale of Lots and Graves	2,224.42		
Bequests	540.00	2,764.42	
Appropriation Balances:			
Revenue:			
General	6,912,953.20		
Light	900,478.48		
Water	155,241.90		

Non Revenue	349,728.47	8,318,402.05
Overestimates:		
Parks and Reservations 1973	10,468.22	
Metropolitan Sewerage 1973	10,471.77	
Metropolitan Air Pollution Control 1973	106.52	
MBTA Assessment 1973	66.18	
Ipswich River Watershed District 1973	786.66	
County Tax 1973 (see foot note)	151,150.10	173,049.45
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
State Aid for Libraries	8,452.13	
Life Insurance Dividends	7,986.00	16,438.13
Overlay Surplus Revenue		.02
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1973	133,034.33	
Levy of 1972	107,533.26	
Levy of 1971	73,451.02	
Levy of 1970	26,899.79	
Levy of 1969	10,782.94	
Levy of 1968	3,785.65	
Levy of 1967	2,494.06	357,981.05
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances		1,219.00
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Farm Animal Excise	51.68	
Motor Vehicle Excise	127,889.63	
Special Assessments	113,867.01	
Tax Titles and Possessions	7,483.63	
Departmental	16,805.27	
Water	95,472.48	
Light	689,292.06	1,050,861.76
Surplus Revenue:		
General	271,406.95	
Water	67,202.14	338,609.09
Total		10,713,697.68

Note: Upon payment of a County Tax due May 1, 1974, of \$167,190.45 will leave an overdraft of \$16,040.35.

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING PL 92-512

Balance Sheet December 31, 1973

ASSETS

Special Cash Account	31,563.75	
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Invested	150,000.00	
Total		181,563.75

LIABILITIES

Appropriation from #92-512
Authorized:

Finance Committee		
Consultant Study	12,000.00	
PW Parks and		
Playgrounds	5,084.92	
Recreation Commission		
Youth Program	8,893.91	
Council for Aging	11,715.08	37,693.91
PL 92-512 Account	143,869.84	
Total		181,563.75

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Public Works, Superintendent	219
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School Superintendent	155
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Town Officers, Listing of	3
Treasurer	235
Tree Warden	118
Veterans' Agent	125
Wire Inspector	114

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POLICE

944-1212

FIRE Rescue, Inhalator or Ambulance **944-3131**

(All offices located at the Town Hall,
16 Lowell Street, unless otherwise noted)

Accountant	944-5225
Assessors	944-0328
Building Inspector	944-2319
Cemetery Department	944-0031
Civil Defense (Community Center)	944-0640
Collector of Taxes	944-0344
Community Center	944-2308
Dog Officer	944-2132
Municipal Light Dept., 25 Haven St.	944-1340
Board of Health	944-1422
Public Library, 6 Lowell St.	944-0840
Public Works Dept.	944-1090
School Dept., 62 Oakland Rd.	944-0180
Sealer of Weights & Measures	944-3508
Selectmen	944-0520
Town Clerk	944-1830
Treasurer	944-0280
Tree & Moth Dept.	944-1477
Veterans' Service	944-1017
Welfare Dept. (Community Center)	944-7050
Wire Inspector	944-2459